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STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

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REVISING THE MSLA DIRECTORY.

Resignations: Brain, Olive M., ln. Billings Junior High School
Burrell, Mrs. Frances, asst. ln. Rocky Mountain College, Polytechnic
Crawford, Margie Ann, ln. Chouteau Co., Free Library, Fort Benton
Eismann, Ruth A., ln. Northern Mont. College, Havre
Ford, Nina M., ln. Missoula Public Library
Lundborg, Elsie, ln. Helena High School
McCalman, Mrs. Marian, ln. Wm. K. Kohrs Mem. Lib., Deer Lodge
Nelson, Rita M., order ln. Montana State University, Missoula
Oeschger, Helen, ln. Great Falls High School
Payson, Lois B., ln. Montana State College, Bozeman

Appointments: Brain, Olive M., ln. Great Falls High School
Brotsman, Jean A., asst. ref. ln. Montana State University, Missoula
Buckland, Mrs. Helen, ln. Liberty Co. Lib., Chester
Bull, Cecil, cat. Montana State University, Missoula
Crawford, Margie Ann, ln. Helena High School
Harmala, Mrs. Ina, gen. asst. Missoula Public Library
Kelly, Charlotte, asst. circ. ln. Montana State University, Missoula
McDonald, Marguerita, doc. ln. Montana State College, Bozeman
Martine, Eugenia, ln. Chouteau Co. Free Lib., Fort Benton
Moores, Merwin M., ln. Northern Montana College, Havre
Reynolds, Marjorie, ln. Billings Junior High School
Shaffer, Ethel, per. & binding, Montana State College, Bozeman
Shidelar, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth, asst. ln. Rocky Mt. Col. Polytechnic

Skemp, Mrs. Lucy, ln. Havre High School

Smith, Virginia, order ln. Montana State Univ., Missoula

Swant, Evelyn, ln. Missoula Pub. Lib.

Wenrich, Dorothea, asst. cat. Montana State University, Missoula

MONTANA LIBRARY LAWS.

Accompaning this bulletin is a copy of the Public Library law as amended by the 1947 legislature. This may be pasted or stapled into the **Montana Library Laws** booklet to make it complete.

OLD FORT BENTON.

M.S.L.A. members are receiving a copy of **Old Fort Benton,** by W. S. Bell, a booklet long believed to be out-of-print. If additional copies are desired they may be purchased from the State Library Extension Commission for 25¢ each.

Martha Bell, the author's daughter, is librarian at Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, Virginia. Last summer she found several hundred of the booklets among old family possessions in storage in Spokane. Her first impulse was to throw them away, but it occurred to her that Montanans might be interested in them. Proceeds from the sale of the booklets will be used first to defray express charges; the remainder will go to Miss Bell.

FILMS.

The State Library Extension Commission has purchased the film, **Library on wheels.** It will be loaned to libraries, schools or organizations wishing to show it.

M.S.L.A. BULLETINS

The State Library Extension Commission would like to complete its files of M.S.L.A. **Bulletins.** The following issues are needed:

March-April	1945,	Vol. 6	No. 5
Sept.-Oct.	1941,	3	2
Sept.-Oct.	1940,	2	2
Jan.-Feb.	1941,	2	4
March-April	1941,	2	5
July-Aug.	1939,	1	6

ADULT EDUCATION.

LIBRARIANS! Your Committee on Adult Education would like to know what you or your communities are doing in this

field this winter. Just drop a card to any of the names listed below before Jan. 1, 1948:

Margie Ann Crawford, Helena High School Library, Helena.

Mrs. E. C. Robinson, Carnegie City Library, Lewistown.

Mrs. Barbara C. Pritchard, 612 Clark Ave., Billings, Chairman.

BOOK NEWS.

Young Readers' Choice Award for 1947 went to Robert McCloskey for his **Homer Price** (Viking, 1943). The presentation of the illustrated parchment was made on Sept. 5th, when the Children's and School Librarians' sections of the PNLA held their joint meeting in Seattle. The selection this year was made from books published in 1943-1944. The Young Readers' Choice Award is made yearly through the generosity of the late Harry Hartman, Seattle book-seller, and is the spontaneous, wholehearted choice of the boys and girls of the Pacific Northwest. The runners-up were: Lippincott, **Wilderness champion** (Lippincott, 1944); Wilder, **Those happy golden years** (Harper, 1943); Travers, **Mary Poppins opens the door** (Reynal, 1943); Lawson, **Rabbit Hill** (Viking, 1944); and Neikirk, **All about Oscar** (Winston, 1943).

Newberry Award was given to Carolyn Sherwin Bailey for **Miss Hickory** (Viking, 1946).

Caldecott Medal went to Leonard Weisgard for his illustration of Golden MacDonald's **Little island** (Doubleday, 1946). Both of these medals are given annually at the ALA conference by Frederic G. Melcher, publisher. The selections are made by the Division of Libraries for Children and Young People.

BOOK WEEK.

National Book Week will be celebrated the week of Nov. 16-22 in libraries and book stores throughout the nation. "Books for the World Tomorrow" is the theme of this year's celebration. The attractive poster, designed by the noted illustrators of children's books, Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire, and other materials for the observance of Book Week may be obtained from the Children's Book Council, 62 West 45th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

ESSAY CONTEST ON AMERICANISM.

"Our Great American Heritage—Liberty" is the subject of an essay contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and open to junior and senior high school students in every state of the Union, the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, and Panama.

Prizes will be 52 sets of the new 1947 edition of the World Book Encyclopedia—one for a winner of each legion department—donated by the publishers for the eighth successive year. In addition to a set of the World Book, the author of the essay judged to be the best of all essays submitted will receive a cash award of $100.

Colorful posters announcing conditions of the contest have been prepared and may be obtained without charge for posting on bulletin boards in libraries and school rooms. A reading list, prepared by the trained librarians of the Quarrie Reference Library, may also be secured on request as an aid for young people entering the contest. Address inquiries to:

The Reference Library
WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA
The Quarrie Corporation, 35 East Wacher Drive
Chicago 1, Illinois.

SLEC.

The State Library Extension Commission met in Missoula on September 19th with all members present except Miss Ireland. As a result of the meeting by-laws for the Commission are being drawn up; permanent quarters for Commission headquarters are being sought, preferably in the State Capitol at Helena; three meetings per year of the Commission will be held, one in October and another in February at Missoula, and the third in conjunction with the M.S.L.A. meeting in May.

Miss Torgrimson reported on the activities of the Commission during the first biennium: 5,744 books accessioned and cataloged; 24,065 books circulated; 70 libraries visited, 23 of these more than once; assistance given with plans for organizing county libraries in nine counties, of which Daniels, Garfield, Hill, and Liberty have voted their establishment; visits paid to Commissions of four other states: Minnesota, North Dakota, Michigan, and Washington; 1946 and 1947 conferences of ALA, PNLA and MSLA attended.

Expenditures for the biennium were as follows:

Salaries	$5,919.25
Books and periodicals	8,299.62
Supplies	1,500.00
Furniture and equipment	773.93
Travel	1,551.40
TOTAL	$18,044.20

The unexpended balance of $1,955.80 was unavoidable because of the seven months delay in getting the Commission staffed.

PNLA

The Pacific Northwest Library Association met in Seattle September 3-5 with President Dorothy Alvord wielding the gavel. Highlights of the program were a panel discussion on "Education for Librarianship"; a symposium on "Possible Library Influence in World Affairs"; a "Great Books Demonstration" featuring Dr. Robert M. Hutchins and Milton S. Mayer from the University of Chicago; an address on UNESCO by Pearl Wanamaker, State Supt. of Public Instruction for Washington; and an address "Librarians as Readers of Books", by Dr. Lawrence C. Powell, librarian at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Montanans in attendance included: Ann Whitmack, Kathleen Campbell, Lesley Heathcote, Mrs. Alma Jacobs, Mary Lee Hall, Virginia Smith, Ellen Torgrimson, Doris Wilson, and Helen Webster.

New officers elected for 1947-1948 are as follows:

President.....Kathleen R. Campbell, Missoula

1st vice president.....Mary E. Blossom, Oregon

2d vice president.....Mrs. Edith C. Gould, British Columbia

Treasurer.....Marion T. Bingham, Idaho

The 1948 conference will be held at Many Glaciers Hotel in Glacier National Park early in September. M.S.L.A. has a reputation to maintain as PNLA members recall pleasantly the 1938 conference held in Glacier Park.

PNLA dues for 1947-1948 are now payable. The Treasurer is Miss Marion T. Bingham, Public Library, Boise, Idaho.

The immediate payment of your dues will save the time of the Treasurer in sending out notices.

Kathleen Campbell, Member

P.N.L.A. Membership Committee.

REPORT OF A.L.A. NATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Legislation	Status	Action Needed
1. Library Demonstration Bill: S. 48 H.R. 2465	Favorable Report from Senate Committee. Now on Senate Calendar. House hearings to be early 2d session.	Personal interviews by constituents with all members of Congress.
2. Revision of Postal Rates	Library Book rate retained. Postal card rate retained. Bill still pending.	Watchfulness to see that advantages are retained.
3. Appropriations for Library of Congress	Film project deleted. Initial cut library operations partially restored. Still below 1947 level. Books for blind appropriation doubled.	Urge definite policy statement by Congress establishing L. C. as national library.
4. Library Service Budget	Increased budget enough to maintain present staff.	Continue work with Administration and Congress to obtain increase.
5. Army Library Service	$600,000 budget request deleted; now restored at $300,000.	Representatives to War Dept., Budget Bureau, Congress for future budgets.
6. National Science Foundation	Bill passed both Houses.	Representations to Board of Directors when appointed.
7. Federal Aid to Education	Reported favorably by Senate Committee, by House Sub-Committee. Governors to be polled this fall for opinions.	Cooperation with N.E.A.
8. Discontinuance Documents Catalog	Monthly Catalog being revised to accomplish same objective but speedier.	Cooperation with Superintendent of Documents.
9. Dept. of Commerce Library service to business project	Eliminated from Commerce appropriation in general reduction.	
10. Extension of Social Security	No action.	Cooperation with other proponents.

100%ers!!!—Alabama, Colorado, Kentucky, Louisiana, Montana, North Dakota, and West Virginia have approached all of their congressmen about the Library Demonstration Bill! All have agreed to support or consider the Bill. A number of other States need only one or two to join this select company.

WANTED: PICTURES—We need some good pictures to use in connection with publicity for rural library service. If you have some photographs of bookmobiles or other aspects of rural library service in your State, we should like to have prints.

H.R. 4328, Introduced by Mrs. Frances P. Bolton, of Ohio, would eliminate tariff duties on works of art imported for donation to museums or other public collections for display free of charge. This would include paintings, pastels, drawings, commercial designs, etc., and their reproductions. The bill is designed to help relieve the world dollar shortage and to improve public taste. Libraries can benefit.

A.L.A. MEMBERSHIP

Lesley M. Heathcote, ln. at Montana State College Library, Bozeman, is the Montana representative on the A.L.A. Membership Committee. Miss Heathcote will be glad to hear from prospective members and urges Montana librarians to think seriously about membership with the national association.

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Total No. of Volumes—Great Falls, Public Library	56,911
Total No. of Volumes—Great Falls, Cascade County	15,172
Total No. of Volumes—Kalispell, Flathead County	9,471
Circulation—Kalispell, Flathead County	42,725
Circulation—Superior, Mineral County	5,334

BIENNIAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR,

January 1, 1948

The State Library Extension Commission was created by act of the 1929 Legislative Assembly, but not until the law was amended in 1945 was money appropriated to finance its work. The first biennial budget totalled $20,000, allocated as follows:

Salary of Secretary	$4,800.00
Salary of Assistant	3,000.00
Purchase of books, periodicals and binding	8,300.00
Supplies	1,500.00
Equipment	800.00
Travel	1,600.00

In compliance with the law, Governor Ford made the following appointments to the Commission in May 1945: Mrs. Corinne B. Ackley, librarian, Carnegie Public Library, Lewistown, 1 year term; Mrs. R. C. Dillavou, Billings, 2 year term; Mrs. W. T. Perham, Glendive, 3 year term. Mrs. Ackley left the state and resigned in October 1945. Governor Ford appointed Margaret Fulmer, librarian, Great Falls Public Library, to complete the term and reappointed her in May 1946. Mrs. Dillavou was reappointed in May 1947. The appointments are now made for three years. The law designates as chairman of the Commission the librarian of Montana State University and as ex-officio member the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. These positions are currently held by Kathleen Campbell and Elizabeth Ireland, respectively. The Commission members serve without pay but are reimbursed by the state for traveling expenses.

The Commission was scheduled to begin operating on July 1, 1945, but experienced difficulty in securing a librarian to assume the duties of Secretary. In January 1946 Ellen Torgrimson accepted the post and arrived in Missoula to begin work on February 15th. Mrs. Vera M. Salinas was hired as Library Assistant. She resigned in August and Mrs. Ruth P. Jahnke took over her duties. Additional part-time clerical help has been employed.

Montana State University offered a large room on first floor of the Library building to the Commission for use as headquarters, and the Commission started its operations here. In September 1946, however, because of increased enrollment, the University decided that this space was needed for library purposes. It was then necessary for the Commission to move

to a smaller room on third floor, a crowded and less desirable location because it is not readily accessible to the public.

Montana is a large and sparsely settled state. Although the first libraries were established as early as 1886, during territorial days, 35% of the population has no local library service whatsoever, and an even larger percentage has very inadequate service. For the most part school libraries are pathetically small and badly organized. It is these needs that the State Library Extension Commission was designed to fill.

Toward that end, a book collection of 6,918 volumes has been assembled at headquarters and processed for circulation. Circulation of books in quantity could not begin until September 1946, but circulation figures reached 32,321 by December 31, 1947. Only one out of fifty-six counties in Montana has not been served in some way by the Commission, either through loans of books to schools, libraries and individuals, through field visits by the Secretary, or through help and advice given by mail. Seventy-nine libraries in the state have been visited, twenty-four of them more than once; 172 days have been spent in travel about the state. Five new county libraries have been organized with the help and direction of the Secretary.

The Commission has cooperated with other educational programs in the state by supplying books for the Montana Study, the State University Division of Extension and Public Service, and the State Correspondence School. The Secretary has attended conferences of the Montana State Library Association, Montana Education Association, American Library Association, Pacific Northwest Library Association, County Commissioners Association and Rural Education Conference. She has visited the State Commissions of Minnesota, Washington, North Dakota and Michigan to observe procedures followed in those states.

The State Library Extension Commission has issued two publications: a DIRECTORY OF MONTANA LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS and a compilation of LIBRARY LAWS OF MONTANA. The editing of a quarterly bulletin entitled MONTANA LIBRARIES has been undertaken, the first issue being dated October 1947. This replaces a bimonthly BULLETIN formerly published by the Montana State Library Association.

The State Library Extension Commission has held three meetings. The first was held at Helena on May 7, 1946, when questions of policy relating to service, publicity, vacations and sick leave were discussed. The second was held at Billings

on September 18, 1946, for the purpose of framing a budget covering the second biennium for consideration of the 1947 Legislative Assembly. A third meeting was held at Missoula on September 19, 1947, when the Commission members had their first opportunity to see the headquarters office. Subjects brought up for discussion were (1) means of obtaining permanent quarters in the Capitol Building at Helena; (2) the framing of by-laws; (3) holding of three quarterly meetings (omitting the summer meeting), two to be held at headquarters in October and February, the third in May in conjunction with the Montana State Library Association conference; (4) the need for increasing the staff; and (5) plans for regional library demonstrations.

On June 30, 1947, budget balances stood as follows:

Salaries	$1.880.75
Purchase of books, periodicals and binding	.38
Supplies	0.00
Equipment	48.60
Travel	26.07

The large balance in the salary fund was due to the fact that the staff did not begin work until February 1946.

The budget for the 1947-1949 biennium as approved by the 1947 Legislative Assembly totals $25,526.08. Montana has a population of 559,456 according to the 1940 census. This means that the Commission with its traveling library and advisory and supervisory services is available to the people of Montana at a cost of about two cents per person per year. That the service is appreciated is demonstrated by the many letters from grateful readers, students and teachers in all sections of the state.

Statistics Covering the Year July 1, 1946-June 30, 1947 for Public Libraries in Montana

Libraries failing to send in reports have been omitted.
Blank spaces indicate that information sent in was incomplete.

Library	Population Served	Year Established	Total Income	Per Capita Appropriation	Total No. of Volumes	Circulation	Librarian
ANACONDA							
Hearst Free	11,004	1901	9,210.24	.83	17,553	24,762	Florence E. Caltin
BILLINGS							
Parmly Billings	23,261	1895	32,300.00	1.38	38,618	130,471	Mrs. Ann L. Whitmack
BUTTE—Free	37,081	1890	25,996.30	1.43	73,790	121,233	Julia E. McMullen
COLUMBUS							
Stillwater Co.	5,694	1928	4,313.39	.75	6,850	20,004	Virginia Walton
CONRAD—City	1,471	1925	1,163.35	.79	3,218		Mrs. J. E. Ritchey
CUT BANK							
Glacier Co.	9,034	1944	9,979.34	1.10	5,173	34,214	Mrs. Ruth Longworth
FORSYTH							
Rosebud Co.	6,477	1946	3,343.48	.51	10,312	9,246	Mrs. Cecille Winzeler
FORT BENTON							
Chouteau Co.	7,316	1916	8,896.09	1.21	20,197	21,098	Margie Ann Crawford
GLENDIVE—Public	4,524	1915	2,998.42	.66	8,684	13,429	Mrs. Leon Coombs
GREAT FALLS							
Public Library	29,928	1892	37,621.65	1.25	15,172	235,315	Margaret Fulmer
Cascade County*	12,071	1943	11,840.00	.908	56,911	71,273	Mrs. Amy Patterson
HARLOWTON—Public	1,547	1921	960.00	.62	6,512	10,456	Georgia R. James
HAVRE—Public	6,427	1910	4,869.00	.75	12,454	20,244	Mrs. Barbara C. Van De Pete
HELENA—Public	15,056	1886	11,342.30	.75	70,509	53,749	Mrs. Mabel T. Miller

HYSHAM							
Treasure Co.	1,499	1947	33.55	.022	697	440	Helen M. Henricks
KALISPELL							
Carnegie Public	8,245	1903	7,920.00	.95	18,684	55,317	Jeane Lewis
Flathead Co.**	16,026	1942	8,057.48	.502	3,521	9,417	Mrs. Cornelia Sherman
LEWISTOWN							
Carnegie Public	5,874	1901	5,901.66	1.004	9,198	28,050	Mrs. Ernest G. Robinson
MALTA							
Phillips Co.	7,892	1918	2,707.15	.34	12,405	12,188	Mrs. Eunice O. Ward
MILES CITY							
Carnegie Free	7,313	1902	8,500.00	1.76	14,036	28,695	Mrs. W. H. Whittier
MISSOULA							
Free Public	29,038	1894	22,239.90	.76	60,282	144,616	Evelyn L. Swant
PARK CITY							
Smeltzer Memorial	316	1930		.	2,500	2,495	Gail Fry
PLAINS—Public	624	1918			2,687	3,222	Mrs. F. S. Burdick
PLENTYWOOD							
Sheridan Co.	7,814	1919	1,680.00	.21	7,032	15,080	Mrs. Mary Barner
POPLAR—City	1,442		660.00	.45	1,357	234	Mrs. Mary Wambach
ROUNDUP—Public	2,644	1931			227	10,703	Mrs. Gertrude Cooper
SHELBY							
Toole County	6,769	1947	6,000.00	.88	2,970		Mrs. W. M. Black
SIDNEY—Public	2,978	1914	2,674.05	.89	5,250	14,544	Mrs. Sarah Kittleson
SUPERIOR							
Mineral Co.	2,135	1936	1,127.26	.52	4,210	1,921	Mrs. Grace A. Hodgins
WHITEFISH—Public	2,602	1925	1,500.00	.57	6,155	13,844	Mrs. Mable Engelter

***—Serves Cascade County exclusive of Great Falls area.**
****—Serves Flathead County exclusive of Kalispell and Whitefish areas.**

A.L.A.

TRUSTEES WILL BE HONORED AGAIN

The nominations for citation of Trustees must be in not later than March 15, 1948 and preferably earlier. Mrs. Philip Sidney Smith, the new Chairman of the A.L.A. Jury on Citation of Trustees, anounces that the Committee wishes recommendations for the annual citation of Trustees for the year 1947-48. These recommendations, with supporting evidence should be sent to Jury on Citation of Trustees, A.L.A. Headquarters, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago (11), Illinois.

After a trial period of three years, upon the recommendation of the Jury on the Citation of Trustees, the A.L.A. Council at its meeting on October 13, 1944 unanimously voted to continue the annual citations.

Those who may send in names to be considered are: Library Boards, Individual Library Trustees, State Library Extension Agencies, State Library Associations or the A.L.A. Trustees Division.

The work of Trustees of large and small libraries in state and national library activities as well as service to the local library are given equal study and consideration.

The only limitation put upon those to be nominated is that each Trustee must be in actual service at least part of the calendar year preceding the conference at which awards are made.

Since the first citations were presented at the Boston Conference in 1942, two have been awarded each year. In 1947 Mary E. Frayser, Chairman of the State Library Board, South Carolina, and Thomas H. McKaig of Hamburg, New York, were cited for their meritorious service as Trustees.

PUBLIC LIBRARY INQUIRY GIVEN CARNEGIE GRANT

A two-year study of the nations' libraries—aimed at discovering how well existing public libraries are serving their communities—will be undertaken under a $175,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Dr. Robert D. LEIGH, who has just completed his work as the director of the Commission of Freedom of the Press, will head the inquiry. The study was proposed by the ALA last summer and will be conducted under the auspices of a special committee of the Social Science Research Council.

Robert M. Lester, secretary of the Carnegie Corporation, noted that in the United States $50,000,000 is spent each year to support public libraries, and added:

"It is of the utmost importance to know how adequately the library, as an institution, is meeting the public's urgent need for information on local, national, and international problems. Are present-day libraries geared for a horse-and-buggy society and, if so, how can they be most efficiently modernized?"

In its study the committee will make intensive surveys of fifty-five representative communities, falling into eight population groups, plus eleven state systems. Efforts will be made to find out what types of persons use the library and what types do not, and why.

Also, the existing library will be measured against the background of newspapers, magazines, low-cost books, radio, films and projected plans for television and facsimile to discover whether the library should be developed into a community center for all cultural and information media.

Another matter to be explored will be the critical shortage of library personnel, which like teaching and nursing today lacks prestige and adequate wage scales.

NATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE RELEASE

Now that Congress has convened, the Library Demonstration Bill is awaiting action. Reports from the states indicate good results from contacts with congressmen. The score of congressional attitude is:

will support—30 senators, 100 representatives.
will consider—36 senators, 111 representatives.

The problem now is to bring the bill to a vote.

M.S.L.A.

DIRECTORY REVISION

Baker—Mrs. J. A. Berge, ln.

Bridger—Mrs. C. L. Tomlinson, chm. lib. bd.
Mrs. John Scrupa, secy. lib. bd.

Havre—Hill Co. Lib., Mrs. Marjorie J. Moores, ln.

Hysham—Orlando Peterson, co. supt.

Miles City—Carnegie Free Public Library
Mrs. G. W. Ball, ln.
Mrs. Mildred Schlosser, ch. ln.

Missoula—Montana State University Lib.
Rita M. Nelson, asst. acq.

In the October issue of MONTANA LIBRARIES, Mrs. Marian McCalman was listed among the resignations instead of under appointments. Mrs. McCalman was appointed librarian at Deer Lodge following the death of Florence Reynolds in April 1947.

Delete from DIRECTORY: Cheatham, Lela L., for correct entry see **Sheatham.**

Florence W. Grape, librarian of the Missoula sub-branch of the Dept. of Agriculture Library, died on December 2d at her home in Rochester, N. Y. Miss Grape had served as librarian for the forest service since 1934.

NEWS FROM THE STATE

St. Ignatius has recently organized a public library. The whole community is behind the venture, donations and pledges of future support having been received from clubs and individuals. Mrs. Zera Gray was elected chairman of the library board.

Bookmobile service was inaugurated in Stillwater County in November. A school bus was purchased and remodeled by the Stillwater County Junior Chamber of Commerce as its first community project. It was presented to the County Commissioners on November 8th. Virginia Walton is librarian.

County libraries have recently been organized in Daniels, Liberty, Garfield and Hill counties.

The Library Club of Belfry is opening its attractive new library building on February 7th.

The ALA Midwinter Conference held in Chicago, January 28-February 2 was attended by Ann Whitmack and Ellen Torgrimson. Highlights of the conference were a workshop sponsored by the Joint Committee of the ALA and the Rural Sociological Society, a demonstration of the microcard and discussion of the National Plan for Public Library Service and the Public Library Inquiry. A program on Aid to Europe featured Brunson MacChesney, professor of law, Northwestern University; Curtis D. MacDougall, professor of journalism, Northwestern University, and Mrs. Louise Leonard Wright, director, Chicago Council on Foreign Relations.

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STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

MISSOULA, MONTANA

M.S.L.A. CONVENTION—May 2-3-4 at Libby.

My staff and I are delighted that the M.S.L.A. meeting will be in Libby this spring and we wish to extend a warm welcome to all who can possibly come. We will send out more complete information later, but following are a few bits for your convenience in planning:

ROOM RESERVATIONS: We have reserved all the hotel and motel room available and have nearly enough for everyone if you don't mind doubling up. Please send us your reservation, stating your preference as to room mate. We may need to get a few rooms in private homes.

TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULES:

Great Northern Railway:	Westbound	No. 27	No. 3
		2:30 p.m.	5:57 p.m.
	Eastbound	No. 28	No. 4
		3:05 p.m.	12:42 p.m.
Intermountain Bus:	Arrives from East at		7:30 p.m.
	Leaves for East		8:55 a.m.

REGISTRATION: Sunday, May 2nd, 1-7 p.m. at library.

NO-HOST GET-TOGETHER SUPPER: Sunday 7:30 p.m. at Surprise Cafe.

BANQUET: Our president says it will be informal.

TRIP: To the J. Neils Lumber Company Logging Camp, twenty miles up the Kootenai River on Tuesday afternoon. Bring walking shoes.

We want you to come and have a friendly, happy time. We are proud of our people and scenery and we want you to get acquainted with them.

INEZ RATEKIN, Librarian,
Lincoln County Free Library

President Hazel Christiansen says:

"I hope there will be a large attendance at our M.S.L.A. Meeting in Libby. We need the cooperation and interest of everyone to make our association active and worthwhile. I am looking forward to seeing all of you."

Revision of the constitution and by-laws is an important

item of business to be considered. A copy of the present constitution and the proposed changes is being sent to you in mimeographed form. Please bring it with you to Libby.

A committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Amy Patterson has been working on a new plan for voluntary certification of librarians. The committee hopes that the plan will be adopted and put into operation.

There will be routine reports from standing committees, library films will be shown, high school library problems will be discussed, and new developments in library service on state and national levels will be summarized.

A meeting of the State Library Extension Commission will be held at Libby during the M.S.L.A. convention.

M.S.L.A. DIRECTORY

Jordan—Garfield County Library
Mrs. Doris Mart, ln.

Billings—Parmly Billings Memorial Library
Mrs. W. H. Whittier, ch. ln.

Missoula—Missoula Free Public Library
Mrs. Marion Freer, circ. asst.

Missoula—U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Library
Mrs. Clemmie Shirley, ln.

NEW LIBRARIES OPENED

Hill County Rural Library on March 4;
Mrs. Marjorie Moores, librarian.

Garfield County Library on March 8;
Mrs. Doris Mart, librarian.

A.L.A.

The 67th annual conference of the American Library Association will be held in Atlantic City from June 13 to 19 inclusive. An attendance of 7,000 delegates is anticipated. The program will be built around the Four Year Goals and the theme will probably concern "Libraries and Public Opinion."

Delegates are urged to make reservations early through the Housing Bureau, 16 Central Pier, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

FEDERAL RELATIONS NEWS

S. 48—H.R. 2465: A Race Against Time:

The Library Demonstration Bill is gaining strength every day and indications are that it will pass the House with a substantial majority. The situation, in brief, is this: S. 48 has passed the Senate unanimously. H.R. 2465 has been reported favorably (6-1) by the House Subcommittee on Education. The two bills are now before the full Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives.

A majority of the Republican Steering Committee has agreed to support the bill, but we do not yet have supporting statements from a majority of the Rules Committee.

We are now so near victory that we must bend every effort to push the bill through. We can not afford to let it get side-tracked by major "must" legislation. The one danger which we now face is delay. We need:

1. Letters to the members of the House Committee on Education and Labor asking that they report the bill out immediately. Fred A. Hartley, New Jersey, is chairman.

2. Letters to members of the Steering Committee asking for quick action as soon as the bill is reported by the Committee on Education and Labor. Joseph W. Martin, Mass., is chairman.

3. Letters to members of the Rules Committee asking quick action as soon as the bill is reported to them. Leo E. Allen, Illinois, is chairman.

LIBRARY SCHOOL SUMMER SESSION announcements are coming in. Received thus far are:

Western Reserve University; Cleveland, Ohio.
June 21-Aug. 6 (7 weeks)

University of Denver; Denver, Colorado.
June 21-Aug. 27 (10 weeks)

University of Wisconsin; Madison, Wisconsin
June 28-Aug. 20 (8 weeks)

University of Iowa; Iowa City, Iowa.
June 8-Aug. 4 (8 weeks)

P.N.L.A. COMMITTEE ON SALARIES, STAFF AND TENURE

Report on Salaries in the P.N.L.A. Region, 1945-1947, Montana

	Monthly Salaries Paid January 1945			Monthly Salaries Paid January 1947		
	No. Full Time Equivalent	Min.	Max.	No. Full Time Equivalent	Min.	Max.
Chief Librarian						
Anaconda, population 11,004	1		$165.00	1		$195.00
Big Horn County, population 10,419	1	$150.00		1	$171.00	
Billings, population 23,261	1		200.00	1		240.00
Butte, population 37,081	1		183.35(+10.)	1		193.35(+10.)
Cascade County, population 12,000	1		150.00	1		165.00
Chouteau County, population 7,316	1	145.00		1	165.00	
Flathead County, population 13,424	1	137.50		1	137.50	
Glacier County, population 9,034	1	150.00		1	166.66	
Great Falls, population 29,928	1	200.00	233.35	1	240.00	
Havre, population 6,427	1		135.00	1		135.00
Helena, population 15,056	1		135.00	1		150.00
Kalispell, population 8,245	1	150.00		1	195.00	
Lewistown, population 5,874	1	150.00		1	150.00	
Livingston, population 6,642	1		140.00	1		160.00
Miles City, population 7,313	1	165.00		1	175.00	
Missoula Public & County, pop. 18,449	1	200.00		1	208.00	
Montana Library Extension Commission				1		200.00
Eastern Montana State Normal	1	233.33		1	250.00	
Montana School of Mines	1	200.00		1	230.00	
Montana State College	1	291.66		1	308.33	
Montana State Normal College				1	200.00	
Montana State University	1	287.50		1	316.66	
Northern Montana College	1	216.66		1	250.00	

Assistant Chief Librarian

Butte 1	1		150.00(+10.)	1		160.00(+10.)
Chouteau County	1	110.00		1	130.00	
Flathead County				1	95.00	
Glacier County				1	80.00	
Great Falls 2	1		190.00	1	200.00	
Kalispell	1	110.00		1	145.00	
Missoula Public and County 3	1	160.00		1	183.00	
Montana State College	1	208.33		1	225.00	
Montana State University	1	225.00		1	266.66	

Department and Division Heads

Billings	3	125.00	175.00	3	165.00	180.00
Great Falls 2	3	125.00	190.00	3	165.00	190.00
Helena	2	110.00	120.00	2	125.00	130.00
Livingston	1		120.00	1		140.00
Miles City	1	75.00		1	90.00	
Missoula Public and County	3	115.00	140.00	3	130.00	160.00
Montana State College	1	200.00		2	216.66	
Montana State University	4	141.66	208.33	5	175.00	241.66

Branch Librarians 4

Big Horn County	1		10.00	1		11.40
Cascade County	2		50.00	2		50.00
Chouteau County	9	5.00	25.00	11	5.00	30.00
Flathead County	3	50.00	50.00	4	65.00	65.00
Great Falls				1(*)	75.00	
Missoula Public and County	1	6.25		1	6.25	

Assistant Librarians (First Assistants)

Anaconda	1		100.00	1		130.00
Big Horn County	1	125.00		1	142.50	
Butte 1	1		120.00(+10.)	2	120.00 (+10.)	150.00(+10.)
Great Falls 2	1		150.00	1	150.00	
Helena	1		100.00	1		115.00

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	No. Full Time Equivalent	Min.	Max.	No. Full Time Equivalent	Min.	Max.
Lewistown 5	1	100.00		1	100.00	
Missoula Public and County	1	130.00				
Montana State College	2		150.00	2	175.00	200.00
Senior Librarians						
Butte 1	3		120.00(+10.)	3		160.00(+10.)
Junior Librarians						
Butte 1	2		90.00	1		110.00(+10.)
Flathead County	1(*)		.35 †	1(*)		.35 †
Great Falls 6				3	100.00	100.00
Kalispell	3(*)	.10 †	.25 †	2(*)	.25 †	.50 †
Montana State University				2	158.33	
Minor Junior Librarians						
Miles City	2(*)	.25 †	.40 †	2(*)	.40 †	.50 †
Sub-Professionals						
Billings	2		90.00	3(*)	70.00	140.00
Glacier County	1	50.00				
Great Falls 2	1	90.00	95.00	1	110.00	
Helena	1		90.00	1		80.00
Lewistown				1(*)		.50(*)
Livingston	1		70.00	1		80.00
Missoula Public and County	1		.60 †	1	125.00	

Northern Montana College (Student Asst.)	5(*)	26.72	(average)	5	32.16	(average)
Montana State College	1	110.00		1	135.00	
Montana State University				½	75.00	
Secretaries						
Cascade County	1		125.00			
Miles City	¼		.50 †			
Missoula Public and County				1		100.00
Montana Library Extension Commission				1		125.00
Senior Clericals						
Great Falls 2, 6	1(*)	70.00	80.00			
Missoula Public and County				1		.60 †
Montana School of Mines				¾	120.00	
Junior Clericals						
Glacier County				1	20.00	
Great Falls			.50 †			.50 †
Montana Library Extension Commission				½		.50 †
Montana State University				2	126.00	130.00
Pages						
Billings	3	.25	.35	5	.25	.45
Cascade County				1(*)		.50
Eastern Montana State Normal 8				2(*)		.50
Great Falls	1	32.50		4(*)	.45	
Havre				1		55.00
Lewistown				1(*)		.40
Missoula Public and County	½		.50	½		.50
Montana School of Mines 8	½		.50			
Montana State College 8					.40	.65
Montana State University 8	27(*)	.35	.50	25(*)	.40	.75
Engineer-Janitor						
Butte	1		231.00	1		255.00

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	Monthly Salaries Paid January 1945			Monthly Salaries Paid January 1947		
	No. Full Time Equivalent	Min.	Max.	No. Full Time Equivalent	Min.	Max.
Janitors						
Anaconda	1		165.00	1		200.00
Big Horn County			.50(*)			.75(*)
Billings	1		100.00	1		110.00
Butte	1		95.00	1		111.00
Cascade County	1(*)		30.00	1(*)		36.00
Chouteau County	1		65.00			
Glacier County	1(*)		6.00	1(*)		20.00
Great Falls	2	95.00	150.00	1	165.00	
Helena	1		125.00	1		125.00
Kalispell	1(*)		65.00	1(*)		85.00
Livingston	1(*)		45.00	1(*)		50.00
Miles City	½		70.00	½		80.00
Missoula Public and County	½		55.00	½		75.00
Total Staff 9						
Anaconda	2			2		
Big Horn County	2(+1*)			2(+1*)		
Billings	9			9(+3*)		
Butte	8			8		
Cascade County	3			2+		
Chouteau	2(+9*)			2(+11*)		
Flathead County	1(+4*)			2(+5*)		
Glacier County	2			2(+1*)		
Great Falls	7(+3*)			10(+6*)		

Havre	1	2
Helena	5	5
Kalispell	2 (+3*)	2(+2*)
Lewistown	2	2+
Livingston	3	3
Miles City	2½	2½
Missoula Public and County	8	9
Montana Library Extension Commission		2½
Eastern Montana State Normal	1	1(+2*)
Montana School of Mines	1½	1¾
Montana State College	6	7
Montana State Normal College		1
Montana State University	7	11½
Northern Montana College	1 (+5*)	1(+5*)

(*)—Part time.
†—Per hour.

Notes:

General: Population figures are 1940 census.

1. Butte: Cost of living bonus given after salary in curves both years.
2. Great Falls: Minimum salaries paid in Jan. 1945 were for first seven months of year; maximum salaries as of Aug. 1945.
3. Missoula: Assistant chief librarian supervises county work.
4. With exception of Great Falls, branch libraries are actually book stations with part time custodians.
5. Lewistown: Assistant librarian is also Children's librarian.
6. Great Falls: Junior librarians classified as Junior library clerks; Senior clerical classified as Desk Assistant.
7. Cascade: Secretary is for 9 months per year.
8. Page work done by student assistants. They are not included in total staff report.
9. Janitors not included in totals because usually part time.

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STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

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MONTANA LIBRARIANS

Won't you join M.S.L.A.?

Even though your library is small, the Montana State Library Association needs your affiliation and support. Only through a strong association can progress be made in library service throughout the state. It is important to join the A.L.A. and P.N.L.A. also, but your state organization should come first.

The annual dues are $1.00 and should be sent to the treasurer,

Miss Jeane Lewis
Carnegie City Library
Kalispell, Montana

ANNUAL REPORTS

According to law the State Library Extension Commission is required to assemble annual reports from all libraries in the state. This year we are experimenting with a mimeographed form instead of using the U. S. Office of Education Form 8-071 as in the past. Two of these forms are enclosed with this bulletin. Librarians are requested to cooperate by filling in the blanks with the desired information and sending one copy to Commission headquarters as soon as possible. The duplicate may be retained for the library's files.

P.N.L.A. CONFERENCE

The 1948 conference of the Pacific Northwest Library Association will be held at Many Glaciers Hotel on September 8-9-10. Montana librarians are urged to attend. Reservation blanks and information are enclosed with this bulletin.

SUMMER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

at Bozeman, Montana **The Northern Plains Workshop**

July 21 to August 19

Department of Agricultural Economics & Rural Sociology
Montana State College

Special course—3 to 5 credits

Object: To understand the region—its resources and people.

Director: Dr. Carl F. Kraenzel

at Chicago, Illinois **Institute on Education for Librarianship**

August 16 to 21

University of Chicago Graduate Library School

Registration fee: $10.00

at Denver, Colorado **Workshop on Rural Library Problems**

August 16 to 27

University of Denver School of Librarianship

Tuition fee: $15.00 per week

Credit: 1 quarter-hour per week

Co-chairmen: Dr. Carl F. Kraenzel, associate professor, Montana State College

Miss Kathryn Mier, Missouri State Librarian

MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY CONFERENCE

The first Mountain-Plains Regional Library conference will be held at Estes Park, Colorao, August 29 to 31. States included in this region are: Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Utah and Wyoming. Included among speakers are Dr. Carl F. Kraenzel of the Montana State College faculty and Mrs. Lois B. Payson, former Montana State College librarian.

QUARRIE RECRUITING AWARDS

At the A.L.A. Midwinter Conference, January 1948, the Board of Education for Librarianship announced that new awards for recruiting activities had been made available by the Quarrie Corporation incidental to the national campaign to encourage recruiting for the library profession. The awards will be administered by the Board as follows:

1. There will be three awards of $300, $200, and $100 respectively to be given for the most effective recruiting efforts reported to the Board of Education for Librarianship during the year of 1948 and similar awards for the year of 1949.
2. Judges for the awards will be appointed by the Board and rules for judging reports will be worked out by the Board or established with the Board's advice and approval.
3. Presentation of the awards will be made at the regular Midwinter Conference of the American Library Association.

Any library, library school, library group other than the Board, or individual will be eligible to receive the awards.

Recruiting for the library profession is a matter of profession-wide concern. Success will depend upon the cumulative efforts of all librarians and library organizations. The Board shares with the Quarrie Corporation the hope that these awards may encourage recruiting efforts throughout the country.

M.S.L.A.

Report of Recruiting Committee.

The Temporary Committee on Recruiting is of the opinion that librarians in Montana should cooperate with the Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career in its endeavor to recruit desirable young people of both sexes. However, there are certain difficulties that face us in attracting young people to the profession. For example, one member of the Committee has been challenged by able young women whom she has tried to recruit. The challenge was, "What does the library profession offer us in the way of advancement?" In the past, the library profession has largely been looked upon as a field for women. Of recent years, more men have entered it and women are glad to welcome them as colleagues. However, an unfortunate development is now taking place. Increasingly, women of experience and acknowledged ability in library work are being passed over in favor of young and inexperienced men. How can we encourage intelligent, able young women to enter a field of work in which they can have little hope of rising to the top? The unfortunate part of it is that this development is taking place at a time when women are increasingly showing their ability along administrative lines. The Committee, therefore, recommends that this Association in convention assembled communicate to the Joint Committee its desire to cooperate in the recruiting program, but point out the difficulty of bringing desirable women into the profession in view of the discriminatory trend against them in the matter of advancement to administrative work. The Committee further recommends that a copy of this statement be published in **Montana Libraries.**

Kathleen Campbell
Inez Haskins
Virginia Walton
Lesley M. Heathcote, Chairman.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE

Library Demonstration Bill Dead But Not Buried.

The failure of the House of Representatives to give the Library Demonstration Bill its breath of life before adjournment June 20th means that the measure is dead. However, 34 representatives of the 22 State Federal Relations Committees, meeting in Atlantic City June 18th, voted unanimously to reintroduce the bill. So, the Library Demonstration Bill, in **its present form,** will be around again come the 81st Congress.

Committee members felt that, although the bill was not finally approved in the past session, the campaign for it had been helpful to libraries everywhere. Several librarians related specific instances where the reputations of their libraries and State Library Associations had been greatly enhanced by publicity for the Library Demonstration Bill.

In outlining strategy for the new campaign, the following points were agreed to:

1. Approach presidential candidates before November election for commitments regarding the Library Demonstration Bill.

2. Seek the support of publishers, supply houses, library equipment dealers, etc., asking them to get unitedly back of the bill.

3. Formally solicit the support of all groups whose broad interests coincide with those of the A.L.A. and who have not previously been working with the Association on its legislative program. This category would include:

   a. Labor groups (supporting in turn their projects, which would be A.L.A. sponsored; i.e., educational activities).

   b. Certain welfare organizations.

   c. Church groups which have national representation in Washington.

   d. Chamber(s) of Commerce.

It was also planned to print an attractive folder giving the history of the Library Demonstration Bill, a brief analysis of the measure, and list organizations endorsing the bill, for use in the forthcoming campaign.

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At the meeting in Atlantic City the A.L.A. Council formally adopted a policy to maintain a Washington office. Presumably, this office will combine both national and international relations activities of the Association.

Later, the State Federal Relations Committees and the A.L.A. Federal Relations Committee considered the problem of financing the National Relations Office. It was discovered that the A.L.A. would not be able to get its financial house in order so that the Washington office could be included in the regular budget before 1951-52.

The two groups then voted unanimously to request the Executive Board of the A.L.A. for permission to conduct a campaign for funds sufficient to operate the National Relations Office for two years after the present funds expire. It was estimated that this will reuqire $50,000.

The Executive Board agreed to the proposal under the following conditions:

1. The campaign to be inaugurated after consultation with the presidents of the state library associations.
2. The campaign to finance both national and international relations activities.
3. The total campaign to ask for $80,000—$50,000 from within the profession and $30,000 from without the profession.
4. The campaign outside the profession to be postponed until after the fall meeting of the Executive Board.
5. The campaign within the profession to begin before the fall meetings of the state associations.

A.L.A. Officers, 1948-1949.

President: Errett Weir McDiarmid, University of Minnesota Library.

President elect: Milton E. Lord, Boston Public Library.

2d Vice President: Mrs. Loleta D. Fyan, Michigan State Library.

Retiring President: Paul North Rice, New York Public Library.

Treasurer: Harold F. Brigham, Indiana State Library.

Other Executive Board members:

John S. Richards, Seattle Public Library
Edgar S. Robinson, Vancouver Public Library
Jasmine Britton, Los Angeles City Schools Library
Ralph E. Ellsworth, University of Iowa Library
Mabel Louise Conat, Detroit Public Library
Helen M. Harris, Knoxville, Tenn.
Ralph M. Dunbar, Washington, D. C.
Nell A. Unger, Library Association of Portland.

Executive Secretary (beginning Sept. 1): John Mackenzie Cory.

Interim Executive Secretary: Harold F. Brigham.

A.L.A. Announces 50 Outstanding Religious Books of Year.

Attwater, Christian churches of the East.

Aulen, Church, law and society.

Bailey, Christ and His gospel in recent art.

Baron, Modern nationalism and religion.

Berdyaev, Russian idea.

Bishop, France alive.

Blackwood, Protestant pulpit.

Boehme, Way to Christ.

Book of saints.

Bowman, Religion of maturity.

Brown, Treasury of religious plays.

Burkhart, How the church grows.

Butler, Best sermons, 1947-1948.

Cadbury, Jesus: what manner of man?

Cloud of unknowing (anon).

Dodd, Johannine epistles.

Farmer, God and men.

Fletcher, Christianity and property.

Graham, Christ of Catholicism.

Grant, Bible in the church.

Hamilton, Witness to the truth.

Harkness, Prayer and the common life.

Kaplan, Future of the American Jew.

Kemp, Physicians of the soul.

Knox, On the meaning of Christ.

Lewis, Miracles.

Lowrie, Art in the early church.

Luccock & Brentano, Questing spirit.

McNeill, Books of faith and power.

Maritain, Person and the common good.

Marlow, Churches of old New England.

Matthews, Religious pilgrimage of Israel.

Maus, World's great madonnas.

Maynard, Humanist as hero.

O'Connor, Eternal quest.

Nelson, Christian way in race relations.

Papini, Letters of Pope Celestine VI to all mankind.

Pascal, Great shorter works of.

Paterson, Goodly fellowship of the prophets.

Reed, Lutheran liturgy.

Nikhilananda, Ramakrishna; prophet of New India.

Ricciotti, Life of Christ.

Schweitzer, Anthology.

Scott, Paul's epistle to the Romans.

Seaver, Albert Schweitzer, the man and his mind.

Taylor, Christian hope of immortality.

Thurman, Negro Spiritual speaks of life and death.

Trueblood, Alternative to futility.

Trueblood, Dr. Johnson's prayer.

Selections were made from 165 volumes submitted to each member of a five man inter-denominational Religious Book Committee. The five eminent theologians comprising the committee were: Dr. H. Richard Niebuhr, Yale University Divinity School; the Rev. John Tracy Ellis, Catholic University of America; Dr. Frederick C. Grant, Union Theological Seminary; Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, Hebrew Union College; and Dr. Hugh Vernon White, Pacific School of Religion.

Newberry Award Winner:

William Pene du Bois, for TWENTY-ONE BALLOONS (Viking, $2.50).

Caldecott Medal Winner:

Roger Duvoisin, for his illustration of WHITE SNOW, BRIGHT SNOW, by Alvin R. Tresselt (Lothrop, $2.00).

Library Legislation Institute

"Learning to Lobby" might well have been the theme of the Institute on Library Legislation, held at the New Jersey College for Women in New Brunswirk, June 11th and 12th. Seventy-five librarians from 35 states were registered for the two-day meeting, which included discussion of background information on legislative activity, as well as consideration of techniques in preparing and supporting library legislation.

Here is a brief resume of the meetings:

On Friday, June 11th, the meetings were devoted to discussions on legislative trends, tax support for libraries, and important fields of library legislation.

Bernard Locker, Director of Social Legislation Information Service, Washington, D.C., led a panel discussion of legislative trends. He pointed out factors which determine the fate of social legislation, with particular reference to the Library Demonstration Bill and the Federal Aid to Education Bill.

In a symposium of "Tax Basis for Public Libraries" led by John B. Kaiser, Newark Public Library, tax and public finance experts discussed the advisability of having taxes earmarked for public library support, specific appropriations for libraries, and other sources of income for library support.

Three important fields of library legislation were considered in open discussion in the Friday afternoon session. These were: state aid legislation; certification laws; and larger units of library service. A panel of librarians experienced in each field led the group discussion.

Saturday's sessions were based on actual preparation and support of library legislation. In the discussion of "How to Go About Drafting a Bill," Louis M. Nourse, of the St. Louis Public Library, stressed the importance of preliminary study by library groups and a clear understanding of factors back of the legislation before drafting the bill. On the same program, Donald Axelrod, formerly Research Director of the New York State Committee on Legislative Procedures, discussed the role of bill drafting in legislation, stating that it is of utmost importance that a library bill be drafted by an expert who has previously conferred with library groups.

Highlighting the meetings was a slide talk on legislative procedure, by Floyd M. Riddick, Senate editor of the Daily Digest of the **Congressional Record.** The cartoon illustrations, from Mr. Riddick's book **Congress in Action,** showed the many steps throguh which a bill must go before becoming a law.

The last meeting of the Institute was a panel discussion on "Winning Support for a Legislative Campaign," led by Paul Howard. Establishing the public relations organization, use of publicity media, and work with groups interested in library legislation were discussed. Successful campaign procedures in different states were related in floor discussion.

A complete record of the Institute proceedings was made and will be published in the near future. Copies will be sent to persons attending the Institute. Others may secure copies from the A.L.A. Publishing Department. Price and publication date will be announced.

Cumulative Book Index.

The H. W. Wilson Company has announced returns from a postcard ballot sent to subscribers to the CUMULATIVE BOOK INDEX. 65.7% of the subscribers polled favor limiting the index to U. S. and Canadian publications and maintaining the present subscription scale.

RESOURCES OF PACIFIC NORTHWEST LIBRARIES, by John Van Male, P.N.L.A. 1943, $4.00.

A few copies of this book are still available. Montana libraries wishing to buy it should place orders now before it becomes an out-of-print item. Order from:

Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center
University of Washington Library
Seattle, Washington.

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STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

Missoula, Montana

M.S.L.A.

Membership

Treasurer Jeane Lewis is again appealing for dues. Let's make membership 100% this year. Send $1.00 to

JEANE LEWIS
Carnegie City Library
Kalispell, Montana

Certification

The Certification Board has received applications for certificates from 36 librarians. The certificates have been printed and are now being issued. Librarians who have not sent in their applications are urged to do so as soon as possible. The six months' period for granting Prior Service Life Certificates ends March 1.

Annual Reports

The S.L.E.C. secretary is required by law "to obtain each year, from all libraries in the state, reports showing the condition, growth, and development and such other facts and statistics as may be deemed of public interest by the commission". To date only 26 libraries have sent reports. This is not a good record. If your library is remiss, please submit your report immediately. Blanks were sent out in July.

P.N.L.A. Representative

Because Mary Lee Hall was elected treasurer of P.N.L.A., she can no longer represent Montana on the Board of Directors. President Amy Patterson has appointed Lesley M. Heathcote to complete the two-year term which expires in 1949.

P.N.B.C.

Miss Loeta Johns, Director of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center, made a tour around Montana following the P.N.L.A. conference. She wished to acquaint herself with the resources and needs of the libraries in the state. She suggested that requests for interlibrary loan service through P.N.B.C. be cleared through the S.L.E.C. office. She emphasized that all libraries are free to make use of the service even though they may not have paid membership assessments.

Montana Libraries

Frequent requests come in to the S.L.E.C. office for Vol. 1, No. 1 **Montana Libraries.** The supply of this issue has been

exhausted. If anyone has extra copies which he does not care to keep, please send them to us.

Legislation

The Legislation Committee urges that promotion work get under way immediately on behalf of the bill to be sponsored by the M.S.L.A. in the 1949 legislative session. The proposed bill will raise the maximum tax levy for support of county libraries from 1 to 2 mills.

Groups to solicit for support include the legislators, Home Demonstration Agents and clubs, county superintendents and teachers, service clubs, Women's Clubs, and others who are interested in improving educational facilities in the community.

County librarians, who are most vitally concerned, should contact their county commissioners and ask their support and cooperation. Point out that the increase is permissive, not mandatory. Many counties would like to increase the budgets of their libraries in order to improve the standards and services, but their hands are tied by the limitation of the present law.

Eugene W. Savage, Director of Montana Boys' State, reported that the county library bill was used as a basis for discussion at one of the legislative meetings conducted by the boys. This is good publicity. Perhaps a club in your community could be persuaded to do something along this line.

M.S.L.A. DIRECTORY

Resignations

Billings: Mrs. Barbara Pritchard
Mrs. Eunice Nybo

Fort Benton: Eugenia Martine (Ch. ln. Napa, Calif.)

Great Falls: Lillian Skalet (Ln. State Teachers College, Mayville, N.D.)

Helena H. S.: Margie Ann Crawford

Havre H. S.: Mrs. Lucy Skemp

Missoula Pub. Lib.: Geraldine Adams (Ch. ln. Corona, Calif.)

Dept. of Agri. Lib.: Mrs. Clemmie Shirley (Washington, D.C.)

S.L.E.C.: Mrs. Ruth P. Jahnke

Appointments

Billings: Carol Getz, Pub. rel. asst.
Mrs. Merle Rainey, work with H. S., pt. time

Great Falls, East Air Base: Margie Ann Crawford, ln.

Havre H. S.: Thelma Young, ln.

Helena H. S.: May Gillis, ln.

Missoula Pub. Lib.: Mrs. Jean Crocker, gen. asst.
Evelyn Graves, gen. asst.
Mrs. Fidele McCourt, gen. asst.
Betty Russell, gen. asst.

S.L.E.C.: Mrs. Barbara Leinart, asst.

Wolf Point H. S.: Mrs. Maude Claire, ln.

S.L.E.C.

The State Library Extension Commission held its fall meeting in Billings on October 4. At this time the budget for the 1949-1951 biennium was approved. It is substantially the same as the present budget, except that it provides for a professional assistant. The budget totals $36,459.12. It will be sent to the Governor for incorporation in his Legislative Budget.

Mrs. D. C. Warren of Glendive was appointed to the Commission Board by Gov. Ford. She replaces Mrs. Perham who declined reappointment because of ill health. Margaret Fulmer was elected vice chairman, a position made necessary by the fact that Miss Campbell will be on leave from January to June.

CUMULATIVE BOOK INDEX

Subscribers to the C.B.I. voted in favor of increased subscription rates to permit continuation of this bibliographical service in its present form as a "world list of books in English". This vote reverses an earlier decision to limit the C.B.I. to books published in the U. S. and Canada and maintain present subscription rates. The earlier vote was participated in by American and Canadian subscribers only. The second ballot was sent to all subscribers throughout the world and proposed a tapered rate increase, ranging from 25% for smallest domestic subscribers to 50% for largest domestic and all foreign subscribers.

P.N.L.A.

A very successful conference was held at Many Glacier Hotel on September 8-10. Registration figures reached 146, with Montana represented by 23 librarians.

Mrs. Patricia Blair represented A.L.A. and spoke on the "Importance of Films in Library Service" at one of the general sessions. She arranged for several film showings during the conference.

Lucile M. Morsch from the Descriptive Cataloging Division, Library of Congress, spoke on "The Organization of the Processing Department of the Library of Congress" at the Catalog Division meeting.

Rep. Mike Mansfield gave the address at the final general session. His subject was "America's Foreign Policy". Following his address, the Montana librarians were hosts at a reception for P.N.L.A. members and visitors.

New officers are: Mary Blossom, Oregon, president

Anne Smith, British Columbia, 1st vice president

Mrs. Neva L. Bequette, Oregon, 2d vice president

Mary Lee Hall, Montana, treasurer

Kathleen Campbell, Montana, past president

Mrs. Ruth Hale Gershevsky will continue as editor of the P.N.L.A. QUARTERLY.

In 1949 the P.N.L.A. conference will be limited to one day, preceding the Far West Regional A.L.A., which will be held at Vancouver, B.C., early in August.

The YOUNG READERS' CHOICE Award for 1948 was announced at the Children and Schools Division meeting. The selection was Walter Farley's BLACK STALLION RETURNS. This was the second award to Mr. Farley and emphasizes the great popularity of his books. Runners-up in the voting were:

Wilderness Champion, by Lippincott

Strawberry girl, by Lenski

Justin Morgan had a horse, by Henry

Big Red, by Kjelgaard

Rabbit Hill, by Lawson

Miss H. Marjorie Beal, Secretary of the North Carolina Library Commission, was an interested visitor at P.N.L.A. She had been spending her vacation with Margaret Skinner, Professor of English at Northern Montana College. During her stay in the state she visited a number of libraries in the Havre vicinity.

A GOOD BOOK AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE

Mrs. Angie Burt Bowden, author of **Early Schools of Washington Territory,** published by Lowman and Hanford Company of Seattle in 1935, has released all remaining stock of this title for free distribution to libraries in the Pacific Northwest that do not already possess copies.

On receipt of postage (the books ship for 3 lbs.) single copies will be forwarded to requesting libraries as long as the supply lasts. Shipments will be made by the University of Washington Library. Requests may be addressed to the

Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center
Henry Suzzallo Library
Seattle 5, Washington

A.L.A. FEDERAL RELATIONS NEWS—ANOTHER CHANCE

Librarians are strong believers in the motto, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again!"

At the A.L.A. conference in Atlantic City last June, representatives of State Federal Relations Committees agreed unanimously to seek reintroduction of the Library Demonstration Bill in the 81st Congress and to conduct another intensive campaign for the Bill.

The Library Demonstration Bill has been before two Congresses with increasing progress. In the 79th Congress the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare reported the bill favorably, and hearings were held in the House. In the 80th Congress, the bill was passed unanimously by the Senate and reported favorably by the House Subcommittee on Education, before which hearings were held in the Special Session of Congress, December, 1947. For final passage last year, the bill lacked only to be reported by the full Committee on Education and Labor and voted on in the House.

The support already gained for the Library Demonstration Bill will greatly favor its passage in the 81st Congress. But that support must be maintained!

Association Support Is Very Important!

State Library Associations can play an especially important part in the new campaign for the bill just as they have in previous campaigns. Here are some suggestions for action, either by associations as groups or by association members individually:

1. See members of Congress when they are home. Explain the library situation in your State and point out how passage of the Library Demonstration Bill will help extend and improve library service.

2. Write to your congressmen in Washington. Letters are very effective if they give facts about library service in the congressman's own district.

3. Work with farm groups, women's clubs, civic groups, and organizations of all types interested in improving library service. Many national organizations have officially endorsed the Library Demonstration Bill. Letters from state and local chapters of these groups to members of Congress mean additional important support for the Bill.

4. Publicize the need for improved library service and tell how the Library Demonstration Bill will help meet that need. Many librarians have stated that publicity for the Library Demonstration Bill has been helpful in their local library development programs.

5. Contact your Coordinator, State Federal Relations Committee, or write to the A.L.A. National Relations Office, 1709 M Street, NW, Washington, D. C., for copies of the Bill, materials for distribution, or general information on the campaign for the Library Demonstration Bill in the 81st Congress.

A.L.A.

Survey of Salaries and Working Conditions of Library Personnel

A study of salaries and working conditions of library personnel will be made in November, 1948, by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with the A.L.A. Board on Personnel Administration. Full-time professional and nonprofessional personnel in libraries of all types and sizes will be covered. The sampling will of necessity be made by library staffs as no satisfactory nonprofessional staff lists exist. Libraries from each state, the District of Columbia, and Hawaii will be selected according to the bureau's regular sampling methods.

Among the items to be studied are position held, type of library, size of community and staff, salaries, supplementary income, hours, paid leave, insurance and retirement provisions, education, experience, dependents, and marital status.

As this information is not available elsewhere and is of great importance to the profession, the board strongly urges all

those invited to participate in the study to do so thus making it possible to have national, regional and state comparative figures.

SECOND PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP FOR LIBRARIANS AND SOCIOLOGISTS

Recent developments in cooperative relations between librarians and sociologists will be discussed at a second workshop program sponsored by the Joint Committee of the American Library Association and the Rural Sociological Society. The program, which includes a morning, an afternoon, and an evening session, will be held at the Congress Hotel on Monday, December 27, 1948, immediately prior to the meetings of the Rural Sociological Society and of the American Sociological Society in Chicago.

Following the pattern which proved so successful in the first Joint Workshop, informal discussion, rather than prepared papers, will be the procedure. In order to achieve the greatest participation, exchange of experiences, and solution of common problems, the technique of small discussion group reports to the total group will again be employed.

The objective of this conference is to exchange information on cooperative research and action experiences, actual or planned, in the past year that may have arisen from the first Joint Workshop.

Mr. Don Phillips, who is Assistant Director of the Continuing Education Service and Head, Adult Education Department at Michigan State College, will act as moderator and chairman for the Workshop as he did previously. Dr. Floyd Reeves, Head, Department of Education at the University of Chicago, will participate in the days' discussion and will present an evaluation and summary at its conclusion. Dr. Reeves is well-known nationally for the variety and significance of his contribution in the field of education. Both librarians and sociologists are being invited to participate in the Workshop.

An advance registration is desired. Please send $1.00 registration fee to Edgar A. Schuler, 120 Morril Hall, Michigan State College, Lansing.

(Printed at request of committee)

GREAT ISSUES PROGRAM

The Great Issues Program is one project being undertaken by the A.L.A. in connection with its **Four Year Goals.** Designed to help make libraries community centers of reliable information on all sides of the crucial problems facing the American people today, the five issues were selected on the basis of a poll made last winter by the A.L.A. among 200 outstanding Americans in business, government, education, science, art and other fields. The Great Issues selected for promotion by libraries are: Inflation-Deflation, Civil Rights, Management-Labor Relations, U. S.-Russian Relations, and How Much World Government.

Comprehensive reading and film lists, including a checklist of community activities for promoting the Great Issues, are published in a special supplement to the August, 1948, issue of the A.L.A. BOOKLIST. The lists were compiled by librarians in the public libraries of Cleveland, Seattle, New York and Newark and the New Jersey State Library. They are designed to be used as published, or with modifications or additions as local conditions warrant.

Condensed reprints of the Great Issues reading lists are available through the Sturgis Printing Company, Inc., Sturgis, Michigan.

The checklist of community activities includes: Getting Community Action Started, Planning and Organizing a Library Program Adapted to Community Size and Interest, and Publishing Activities and Resources. Emphasis is placed on working with and through such local community groups as schools, business groups, civic organizations, and labor, farm, and welfare groups.

Statement of Errett W. McDiarmid, President of the A.L.A.:

"We in the American Library Association believe that in embarking upon the Great Issues Program, we are undertaking a task that is both vital and timely. The objective of the program is a citizenry that understands the crucial problems facing our people today. Formal education alone cannot do the job, nor can newspapers, radio and magazines. The libraries of our nation must fill the gap by promoting and stimulating reading and discussion of the Great Issues.

"In recent years there has been an increasing amount of discussion at the 'grass roots', with earnest pleas for more grass roots programs. Here truly is a grass roots program. From this point forward, every librarian is on his own. It is up to him to make use of the lists, to adapt to his own com-

munity the promotional suggestions accompanying the reading lists, to translate into vigorous action a well-planned program of self-education by citizens."

UNITED NATIONS

Sources of Printed Material about the United Nations, which should be available in your local library.

International Documents Service
Columbia University Press
2960 Broadway
New York 27, N. Y.

- Basic facts about the United Nations .15
- Guide for lecturers and teachers..... .60
- Structure of the United Nations..... .35
- United Nations Bulletin (yearly sub.) 3.00

Dept. of Public Information
United Nations
Lake Success, N. Y.

- United Nations and you
- United Nations: What it is, What it does, How it works
- Posters and pictures

Division of Publications
Department of State
Washington 25, D.C.

- Guide to the U. S. and the United Nations
- Questions and answers on strengthening the United Nations
- Progress and achievements of the United Nations
- Foreign Affairs outline: The U. N. in action
- Peace takes practice (a poster)

Supt. of Documents
U. S. Govt. Printing Office
Washington 25, D.C.

- The U. S. and the United Nations—Report by the President to Congress
  - for 1947 ..... .60
  - for 1946 ..... .45
- United Nations for peace and world progress (a poster) Cat. No. S1.50:22 ..... .10
- Foreign relations of the U. S. (price list No. 65)

American Association for the United Nations, Inc.
45 East 65th Street
New York 21, N. Y.

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We, the people ..... .25
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Woodrow Wilson Foundation
45 East 65th Street
New York 21, N. Y.

United Nations News (a monthly) 3.00

U. N. World, Inc.
385 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

United Nations World (subscription rate) 4.00

Public Information Dept. of the United Nations
Articles in Yearbooks—American Annual
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Missoula, Montana

THE LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS

The Council of the American Library Association reaffirms its belief in the following basic policies which should govern the services of all libraries:

1. As a responsibility of library service, books and other reading matter selected should be chosen for values of interest, information and enlightenment of all the people of the community. In no case should any material be excluded because of race or nationality, or the political or religious views of the writer.

2. There should be the fullest practicable provision of material presenting all points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times, international, national, and local; and books or other reading matter of sound factual authority should not be prescribed or removed from library shelves because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.

3. Censorship of books, urged or practiced by volunteer arbiters of morals or political opinion or by organizations that would establish a coercive concept of Americanism, must be challenged by libraries in maintenance of their responsibility to provide public information and enlightenment through the printed word.

4. Libraries should enlist the cooperation of allied groups in the field of science, of education, and of book publishing in resisting all abridgment of the free access to ideas and full freedom of expression that are the tradition and heritage of Americans.

5. As an institution of education for democratic living, the library should welcome the use of its meeting rooms for socially useful and cultural activities and discussion of current public questions. Such meeting places should be available on equal terms to all groups in the community regardless of the beliefs and affiliations of their members.

Adopted by the Council, June 18, 1948.

M.S.L.A. MEMBERSHIP LIST FOR 1948-49

December 6, 1948

Adams, Geraldine—Corona, Calif.
Adams, Marian—Red Lodge
Barner, Mrs. Mary—Sheridan Co., Plentywood
Baker High School—Baker
Byrne, Frances—Kalispell
Campbell, Kathleen—MSU, Missoula
Carlson, Clara A.—Bozeman H. S.
Catlin, Florence—Anaconda
Christiansen, Hazel—Big Horn Co., Hardin
Coombs, Perl—Glendive
Cooper, Gertrude—Roundup
Cottrell, Mrs. George—Wisdom
Crawford, Margie Ann—East Air Base, Great Falls
Eagle, Bettie—MSC, Bozeman
Engelter, Mrs. Mable—Whitefish
Fulmer, Margaret—Great Falls
Geiger, Kathryn—Missoula H. S.
Griffith, Irene—Anchorage, Alaska
Griffith, Winifred—Billings
Hagie, Mrs. W. R.—Chouteau Co., Fort Benton
Hall, Mary Lee—Rocky Mt. Lab., Hamilton
Harris, Mrs. Dora Lee—Meagher Co., White Sulphur Springs
Haskins, Inez—Butte H. S.
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Hodgins, Mrs. Grace A.—Superior
Howard, Dorothy Dewey—MSC, Bozeman
Ireland, Elizabeth—Helena
Jahnke, Mrs. Ruth—SLEC, Missoula
James, Georgia R.—Harlowton
Jensen, Mrs. Barbara—McCone Co., Circle
Johnson, Viola—Kalispell
Kilroy, Loretta—Great Falls
Kurtz, Lonita—Kalispell H. S.
Larson, Althea—Butte
Leiser, Esther—Missoula
Lewis, Jeane—Kalispell
Linwood, Virginia—Willows, Calif.
Longworth, Mrs. Ruth—Glacier Co., Cut Bank
Lucy, Virginia—Missoula
Lundborg, Elsie—Forest Grove, Ore.
MacCalman, Marian—Deer Lodge
McDonald, Marguerita—MSC, Bozeman
McDonnell, Mrs. Anne—Hist. Soc., Helena
McEwen, Mrs. Mary L.—Livingston

McMullen, Julia—Butte
McNally, Miriam E.—Denver, Colo.
Mart, Doris—Garfield Co., Jordan
Mealey, June—Butte
Miller, Mabel—Helena
Moores, Mrs. Marjorie—Hill Co., Havre
Moores, Merwin—NMC, Havre
O'Brien, Catherine E.—Blaine Co., Chinook
O'Meara, Mollie—Butte
Oliver, Vivian—Glacier Co., Cut Bank
Orr, Mrs. John—Dillon
Patterson, Mrs. Amy—Cascade Co., Great Falls
Payson, Mrs. Lois B.—Laramie, Wyo.
Peck, Loretta—School of Mines, Butte
Pittman, Mrs. K. Elizabeth—Lewistown
Pritchard, Mrs. Barbara—Billings
Ratekin, Inez—Lincoln Co., Libby
Rennick, Mrs. Edna—Crow Agency
Rich, Pauline—East. Mont. Nor. Col., Billings
Riley, Eileen—Butte
Roark, Mrs. Clive—Lincoln Co., Libby
Robinson, Mrs. Ruth V.—Lewistown
Russell, Mrs. Bessie—Big Horn Co., Hardin
Sandsmark, L.—Doubleday & Co., Ronan
Sheets, Nellie—Missoula
Sherman, Mrs. Cornelia—Flathead Co., Kalispell
Shideler, Mary Elizabeth—Rocky Mt. Col. Polytechnic
Shirley, Clemmie N.—Dept. of Agri., Washington, D.C.
Simpson, Lucille—Billings
Sliepcevich, Natalie—Anaconda
Speer, Lucile—MSU, Missoula
Swant, Evelyn—Missoula
Thomas, Florence—Madison Co., Virginia City
Thomas, Mrs. Frank—Eureka
Torgrimson, Ellen—SLEC, Missoula
Walton, Virginia—Stillwater Co., Columbus
Ward, Eunice O.—Phillips Co., Malta
Webster, Helen E.—Ft. Harrison
Whitmack, Ann—Billings
Whittier, Sally—Billings
Wilson, Doris Ellen—MSC, Bozeman
Wineman, Elva R.—Judith Basin Co., Stanford

CERTIFIED LIBRARIANS IN MONTANA

December 18, 1948

Barner, Mrs. Mary ..... Plentywood
Brotsman, Jean ..... Missoula
Campbell, Kathleen R. ..... Missoula
Cheatham, Lela Lee ..... Missoula
Claire, Maude ..... Wolf Point
Coombs, Mrs. Perl ..... Glendive
Fallang, Mrs. O. A. ..... Big Timber
Fulmer, Margaret ..... Great Falls
Hall, Mary Lee ..... Hamilton
Heathcote, Lesley Muriel ..... Bozeman
Heiss, Arliss M. ..... Missoula
Hodgins, Mrs. Grace A. ..... Superior
James, Georgia R. ..... Harlowton
Kelly, Charlotte Ann ..... Missoula
Kilroy, Loretta E. ..... Great Falls
Kurtz, Lonita ..... Kalispell
Lewis, Jeane ..... Kalispell
Longworth, Ruth O. ..... Cut Bank
McDonnell, Mrs. Anne ..... Helena
McMullen, Julia E. ..... Butte
Maloy, Mrs. Emma ..... Wolf Point
Mart, Mrs. Doris M. ..... Jordan
Miller, Mrs. Mabel T. ..... Helena
Moores, Marjorie J. ..... Havre
Moores, Merwin M. ..... Havre
Orr, Mrs. Iva Lea ..... Dillon
Patterson, Mrs. Amy A. ..... Great Falls
Ratekin, Inez ..... Libby
Rich, Pauline H. ..... Billings
Roark, Mrs. Clive ..... Libby
Roberts, Mrs. Clara M. ..... Choteau
Robinson, Mrs. Ruth V. ..... Lewistown
Shideler, Mary Elizabeth ..... Polytechnic
Sliepcevich, Natalie ..... Anaconda
Swant, Evelyn L. ..... Missoula
Thomas, Mrs. Florence ..... Virginia City
Torgrimson, Ellen ..... Missoula
Van De Pete, Barbara C. ..... Havre
Ward, Mrs. Eunice O. ..... Malta
Wenrich, Dorothea ..... Missoula
Wilson, Doris Ellen ..... Bozeman
Wineman, Elva R. ..... Stanford
Young, Thelma F. ..... Havre

NEW TEXAS SCHOOL

The graduate library school which opened on September 16, 1948, at the University of Texas at Austin, had fifty students enrolled.

Library science instruction is not new to Texas, but courses at the graduate level leading to a master's degree are offered for the first time. In offering this program the University expects to draw students from the entire Southwest region.

BOOK RATE INCREASED

In the last special session of Congress the rate for books was increased from four to eight cents on the first pound and from three to four cents on each additional pound. The rate for books mailed from or returned to libraries, (inter-library loan) however, **remains** at four cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional pound, provided this mailing is within a state or within the first three postal zones. This does not apply on books mailed to or from a publishing house. The new rates will be effective January 1, 1949.

PUBLICATIONS

Fulmer, Margaret
Montana: America's library frontier
Lib. J. S 15'48 1241-3

Webster, Helen Emily
Shower parties for all occasions. Woman's press, $3.00 illus. index.

Northwest Books, 1947 supplement, edited by Rufas A. Coleman, is being published by the University of Nebraska Press. The price will be about $4.00.

Montana librarians will find this bibliography useful. It lists books and magazine articles by authors of the four Northwestern states, Alaska, and British Columbia, covering the period from 1942-1947.

Orders may be placed now.

FEDERAL RELATIONS NEWS

Changes in the Content of the Library Demonstration Bill

Certain changes in the Library Demonstration Bill have been suggested by librarians, the Office of Education, and others in the course of the campaign. These changes will be made in the bill to be introduced early in the 81st Congress.

There are three changes which may be called major and five minor changes of content.

The first major change provides for the training of personnel at the beginning of the demonstration period. This training would be accomplished through institutes or short courses, probably on a regional basis. This first change is in two parts, one authorizing the appropriation of funds and the second part authorizing the training program.

The second major change increases the amount of demonstration grants from a minimum of $25,000 a year to a minimum of $40,000. This change is designed to meet the standards developed by the Postwar Planning Committee for the minimum amount necessary for public library service.

The third change provides machinery for the withdrawal or reduction of Federal funds in case a State decides to abandon the demonstration program or to reduce it.

There are also minor changes of content, designed to strengthen the position of the State Library Agency and also to protect the use of Federal funds for demonstrations; another to clarify the meaning of the standard on personnel appointments; and other editorial chnages.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs has again expressed its willingness to work for passage of the Library Demonstration Bill. Mrs. J. E. Moore of Bozeman is library chairman for the Montana Federation.

Other national organizations which have officially endorsed the bill are: National Grange, American Association of University Women, Farmers' Union.

STATISTICS COVERING THE YEAR JULY 1, 1947-JUNE 30, 1948 FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN MONTANA

Libraries failing to send in reports have been omitted.
Blank spaces indicate that information sent in was incomplete.

Library	Pop. Served	Year Est.	Income	Tax Levy	Per Cap. Expend.	Total Vols.	Circ.	Librarian
ANACONDA								
Hearst Free	11,004	1895	11,300.00	2.5	1.03	17,041	40,119	Florence E. Catlin
BILLINGS								
Parmly Billings Mem.	23,261	1901	30,789.67	2.5	1.32	41,167	135,511	Ann L. Whitmack
BOZEMAN								
Free	8,665	1904	7,500.00	2.0	.86	18,489	18,489	Geneva Cook
BUTTE								
Free Public	37,081	1890	28,568.95	1.25	.77	74,070	100,728	Mrs. Julia E. McMullen
CHINOOK								
Blaine Co.	9,566	1921	2,340.00	.6	.25	12,363	23,791	Mrs. C. E. O'Brien
CHOTEAU								
Publia	1,181	1916	780.00	....	.66	4,809	2,137	Clara M. Roberts
COLUMBUS								
Stillwater Co.	5,694	1928	4,530.00	1.0	.79	8,258	22,165	Virginia Walton
CUT BANK								
Glacier Co.	9,034	1944	8,700.00	1.0	.96	6,680	42,812	Ruth O. Longworth
DEER LODGE								
Wm. K. Kohrs Mem.	3,278	1903	2,885.78	2.5	.88	12,700	8,932	Mrs. Marion McCalman
DILLON								
Public	3,014	1890	2,485.00	2.0	.82	16,200	.....	Mary L. Innes

Library	Pop. Served	Year Est.	Income	Tax Levy	Per Cap. Expend.	Total Vols.	Circ.	Librarian
FORSYTH								
Rosebud Co.	6,477	1920	3,409.77	.5	.53	9,005	9,791	Mrs. Cecille Winzeler
FORT BENTON								
Chouteau Co.	7,316	1916	8,634.26	1.0	1.18	20,027	17,787	Eugenia Martine
GLASGOW								
Carnegie City-Co.	15,181	1945	6,500.00	1.0 2.0 (City)	.42	10,880	28,500	Mrs. Georgia Dignan
GLENDIVE								
Public	4,524	1915	2,595.00	1.6	.57	8,734	14,242	Mrs. Leon Coombs
GREAT FALLS								
*Cascade Co.	12,071	1943	13,385.00	.57	1.10	17,027	90,534	Mrs. Amy Patterson
Public	29,928	1892	44,000.00	3.5	1.50	52,960	246,392	Margaret Fulmer
HARDIN								
Big Horn Co.	10,419	1918	6,469.00	1.0	.62	17,583	45,287	Mrs. Hazel Christiansen
HARLEM								
Public	1,166	.....	1,000.00	2.0	.85	5,643	5,390	Mrs. J. W. Quinn
HARLOWTON								
Public	1,547	1921	1,621.33	....	1.05	5,717	9,037	Georgia R. James
HAVRE								
Public	6,427	1910	5,519.00	1.0	.86	12,999	18,257	Mrs. Barbara Van De Pete
**Hill Co.	6,877	1947	5,800.00	1.0	.87	2,000	3,571	Mrs. Marjorie J. Moores

*—Serves Cascade County exclusive of Great Falls area.

**—Serves Hill County exclusive of Havre area.

Library	Pop. Served	Year Est.	Income	Tax Levy	Per Cap. Expend.	Total Vols.	Circ.	Librarian
HELENA								
Public	15,056	1886	11,900.00	1.5	.79	71,085	63,000	Mrs. Mabel T. Miller
JORDAN								
Garfield Co.	2,641	1948	2,223.16	1.0	.84	1,052	875	Doris M. Mart
KALISPELL								
Carnegie Public	8,245	1903	10,145.00	3.5	1.23	18,227	53,503	Jeane Lewis
***Flathead Co.	13,424	1942	8,000.00	.9	.57	11,637	67,350	Mrs. Cornelia Sherman
LEWISTOWN								
Carnegie Public	5,874	1901	6,985.00	2.85	1.18	10,249	37,309	Mrs. Ernest C. Robinson
LAUREL								
Public	2,754	1917	1,469.23	1.5	.53	6,934	.....	Mrs. Carrie E. Erb
LIBBY								
Lincoln Co.	7,882	1920	5,825.40	1.0	.74	13,938	49,796	Inez Ratekin
LIVINGSTON								
Public	6,642	.....	7,660.00	2.5	1.15	15,993	84,648	Mrs. Mary L. McEwen
MALTA								
Phillips Co.	7,892	1916	2,600.00	....	.32	12,504	11,888	Mrs. Eunice O. Ward
MILES CITY								
Carnegie Free	7,313	1902	9,600.00	2.5	1.31	14,526	31,556	Mrs. G. W. Ball
MISSOULA								
Free Public	29,038	1894	30,604.86	1.0 2.25 (City)	1.05	63,393	143,181	Evelyn L. Swant

***—Serves Flathead County exclusive of Kalispell and Whitefish areas.

Library	Pop. Served	Year Est.	Income	Tax Levy	Per Cap. Expend.	Total Vols.	Circ.	Librarian
PLAINS								
Public	624	1918	400.00	2.0	.64	2,798	3,924	Mrs. F. S. Burdick
PLENTYWOOD								
Sheridan Co.	7,814	1919	3,250.00	.75	.42	7,040	15,505	Mrs. Mary Barner
RED LODGE								
Public	2,950	.....	2,100.00	1.5	.71	7,900	17,609	Mrs. Marian E. Adams
ROUNDUP								
Public	2,644	1931	955.86	1.0	.33	4,500	10,305	Mrs. Gertrude Cooper
SCOBEY								
Daniels Co.	4,563	1947	1,000.00	.7	.22	1,061	4,228	Mrs. Marie Brudie
SHELBY								
Toole Co.	6,769	1947	6,000.00	1.0	.89	6,027	2,707	Mrs. W. M. Black
SIDNEY								
Public	2,978	1919	3,262.22	2.5	1.09	5,788	15,900	Mrs. Sarah Kittleson
STANFORD								
Judith Basin Co.	3,655	1945	3,940.00	.67	1.05	4,659	8,739	Mrs. Elva Wineman
SUPERIOR								
Mineral Co.	2,135	1936	1,273.76	.51	.59	4,263	8,803	Mrs. Grace A. Hodgins
TERRY								
Prairie Co.	2,410	1944	780.00	.25	.32	3,420	5,174	Mrs. William L. Ganson
THOMPSON FALLS								
Public	736	.....	401.99	2.0	.55	.....	.....	Mrs. Lester Kemmerer

Library	Pop. Served	Year Est.	Income	Tax Levy	Per Cap. Expend.	Total Vols.	Circ.	Librarian
TOWNSEND								
Broadwater Co.	3,451	1935	1,725.00	.5	.50	4,418	14,157	Mrs. Florence Muzzy
VIRGINIA CITY								
Thompson-Hickman Free	7,294	1923	1,471.84	....	.20	6,750	7,922	Mrs. Florence Thomas
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS								
Meagher Co.	2,237	1938	900.00	2.0	.40	4,064	2,935	Mrs. Dora Lee Harris
WHITEFISH								
Public	2,602	1925	1,500.00	....	.57	6,474	14,012	Mrs. Mable Engelter
WOLF POINT								
City	1,960	.....	903.26	1.0	.46	5,620	7,281	Mrs. Emma Maloy

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STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

Missoula, Montana

CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Montana State Library Association will hold its annual meeting at Billings on May 1-3. Mrs. Amy Patterson, president, is planning the program to emphasize larger units of library service for Montana, with special reference to the Public Library Demonstration Bill now under consideration in Congress.

Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, announces that the 1949 Library Conference, to be held from August 8-13, will deal with the Public Library Inquiry. Under the general direction of Dr. Robert D. Leigh, a staff of several members with varying backgrounds has been at work in the past two years on perhaps the most complete single study of the public library as an American institution. It will conclude its work with the publication of several reports in the summer of 1949.

The Library Conference of the University of Chicago will provide the first opportunity for public libraries to discuss the findings and results of the Inquiry. A detailed program for the Conference will be available soon.

American Library Association Regional Conference will be held at Vancouver, B. C., from August 22-25. Representatives of A.L.A. will be present and an interesting program is planned. States included in the Far West Region are: Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, British Columbia and Montana.

P.N.L.A. will observe its 40th anniversary at a dinner to which all delegates will be welcomed.

The **American Library Association,** the world's oldest and largest organization of librarians, will hold its 75th anniversary celebration in Chicago in 1951, John Mackenzie Cory, Executive Secretary, has announced. The celebration will open at the 1950 annual conference in Washington, D. C., coinciding with the 75th anniversary of the Library of Congress, and will continue on a nation-wide scale into 1951, when the celebration will be climaxed at the annual conference in Chicago.

LIBRARY LEGISLATION

The 1949 Legislative Assembly passed an amendment to the County Free Libraries law increasing the maximum tax levy for support of a county library from 1 mill to 2 mills.

The biennial budget for the State Library Extension Commission was increased by $9,131.00 (35%) to $34,657.00.

The laws pertaining to the State Library, Law Library and Historical Society of Montana were revised, reorganizing the Historical Society and making the Law Library a separate unit instead of a department under the State Library.

M.S.L.A. DIRECTORY

Resignations

Billings: Lucille Simpson (La Porte, Ind.)
Butte: Elizabeth McDonald
Flathead Co.: Viola Johnson
Fort Harrison: Helen E. Webster (Medford, Ore.)
Miles City: Mrs. G. W. Ball
Missoula: Mrs. Fidele McCourt

Appointments

Billings: Mrs. Vera M. Salings, asst. cat.
Jean Todd, ref. ln.
Bozeman: Myra Tice, ln.
Norma Thompson, asst., MSC.
Butte: Althea Larson, asst. ln.
Dillon: Walter McGuire, W. Mont. Col. of Educ.
Flathead Co.: Mrs. Mildred Grawe, asst. ln.
Fort Harrison: Mrs. Martha Hassell, ln.
Great Falls: Mrs. Frances Dufraine, asst. ln.
Kalispell: Viola Johnson, asst. ln.
Miles City: Mrs. Clare Smith, ln.
Missoula: Mrs. Wilhelmina Walters, asst. ln.

More M.S.L.A. Memberships

Ethel V. Shaffer, Bozeman
M. Catherine White, Missoula
Mrs. O. A. Fallang, Big Timber
Sister Margarita, Great Falls

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BIBLIOGRAPHIC CENTER

Miss Mollie Helen Hollreigh has been appointed Director of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center succeeding Miss Loeta Johns, who has resigned to accept the headship of the Order Department of the Seattle Public Library. Miss Hollreigh assumed her duties in February.

She is no stranger to the Pacific Northwest. She was born in Montana and did her high school work in Chouteau County and in Spokane, Washington. She was graduated with a B.A. degree from Washington State College in 1941 and from the University of Washington School of Librarianship in 1942. She was librarian of the U. S. Army Air Field, Douglas, Arizona, from 1943-1946, and has since been employed in the Library of the University of California at Los Angeles.

A.L.A. OFFICIAL VISITS

Following the Northern Great Plains Library Planning Conference at Billings on March 12, Miss Helen A. Ridgway, Chief, Public Library Department of A.L.A., spent a week in Montana visiting libraries in Billings, Bozeman, Missoula and Great Falls. It was her first visit to Montana and she was impressed by the vast distances and sparse population which make library service difficult. She recommended Regional Library service through four or five natural trading centers and more adequate financial support through a State Aid program.

Miss Ridgway met with Library Trustees in the several towns visited, with Friends of the Library groups of Bozeman and Hill County, and addressed a meeting of United Commercial Travelers in Great Falls.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH LIBRARY

The A.L.A. has announced a $20,000 two-year grant received from the Rockefeller Foundation to establish an International Youth Library in Munich. The objectives of the project will be: first, to establish a library of children's books from many countries; and second, to illustrate the contribution which such a youth library can make in the promotion of better international understanding.

The International Relations Committee of the A.L.A. Division of Libraries for Children and Young People will serve as the clearing house for information on types of books desireable as gifts. Jean Thomson, Public Libraries, Toronto, is chairman of the committee.

1949 NEWBERRY-CALDECOTT AWARDS

The Newberry award for the most distinguished contribution to chlidren's literature: KING OF THE WIND, by Marguerite Henry. Rand, $2.75.

The Caldecott award for the most beautiful picture book for children: THE BIG SNOW, by Berta and Elmer Hader. Macmillan, $2.50.

NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS LIBRARY PLANNING COUNCIL ORGANIZED

Meeting at Billings, Montana, on March 12, 1949, results in permanent organization.

Librarians and rural sociologists from six states met at Billings, Montana, on March 12, 1949, to discuss library problems of the Northern Great Plains region, and organized the Northern Great Plains Library Planning Council as a permanent body to promote better library service in the upper Missouri River Valley.

The meeting was called after a survey of sentiment by Mr. Ralph T. Esterquest, Assistant Director of the University of Denver Libraries and President of the Mountain Plains Library Association, and Dr. James G. Hodgson, Director of Libraries of Colorado A & M College and chairman of the Bibliographical Center for Research—Rocky Mountain Region. Delegates invited represented land-grant college libraries, state library extension agencies, and rural sociologists from Montana, Colorado, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

Discussion of the sociological, economic and library problems of the region by Dr. Carl Kranezel, Rural Sociologist of Montana State College, Mr. A. H. Anderson, Social Science Analyst of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and Dr. Hodgson brought out that the area was largely one of sparsely populated sections, with commercial, population and library centers on the East and West borders of the several states. These centers are largely in the humid parts of the basin, or often actually outside of the drainage area of the Missouri river.

Members of the newly formed Council, and of the executive committee, are to be named by Mr. Ralph T. Esterquest as President of the Mountain Plains Library Association, after consultation with the various persons who attended the conference at Billings. The Council will also include representatives of agencies not represented at the Billings meeting. The program of the Council will be discussed during the Trans-Mississippi regional conference of the American Library Association to be held at Fort Collins, September 2-5, 1949.

TRUSTEES WILL BE HONORED AGAIN

Nominations for citation of Trustees must be in not later than May 1st for the year 1948-49. The recommendations with supporting evidence should be sent to:

Jury on Citation of Trustees
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago 11, Illinois.

In 1948 the awards were presented to Emma V. Baldwin, Free Public Library, Denville Township, New Jersey, and Thomas J. Porro, Tacoma, Washington.

WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA

Beginning January 1, the Quarrie Corporation merged with Field Enterprises. The new address for **World Book Encyclopedia** and **Childcraft** is therefore:

Field Enterprises, Inc.
Educational Division
35 East Wacker Drive
Chicago 1, Illinois

BOYS AND GIRLS WEEK

National Boys and Girls Week will be observed from April 30 to May 7, 1949. With the theme, "Building for Citizenship," the program is designed to focus attention of the public on the interests, activities and problems of youth. Information about Boys and Girls Week, and helpful suggestions for carrying out the program of the week, including a poster and Manual of Suggestions, may be obtained free of charge from:

National Boys and Girls Week Committee
35 East Wacker Drive—Room 950
Chicago 1, Illinois.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

A.L.A. Washington Newsletter, successor to **Federal Relations News** and Monthly Report of the International Board, is now on a subscription basis at $7.00 per year.

The **A.L.A. Washington Newsletter** will be published a minimum of 14 times annually. It will be issued irregularly in order to take advantage of news breaks as they occur. Volume numbers will change on January 1. Issues will usually contain two sections, one on international relations and one on national relations. In addition to Washington news it will carry items related to the Washington program from other localities both here and abroad.

The new address of the Washington Office is: 1722 H. Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION BILL

A revised and improved Library Demonstration Bill, S. 130-H.R. 874, was introduced in the 81st Congress on Jan. 5th. It is being sponsored in the Senate by Senators Lister Hill of

Alabama, George D. Aiken of Vermont, and Paul H. Douglas of Illinois, and in the House of Representatives by Ray J. Madden of Indiana.

The bill, which provides federal assistance to states in demonstrating library service to bookless areas, was unanimously approved by the Senate in the 80th Congress but failed to receive a final vote in the House before adjournment.

Major revisions include provision for training programs for library demonstration personnel, and increased federal grants to states. Minor changes of content, designed to strengthen the position of the state library agency and to protect the use of federal funds for demonstrations, are also included. Provision for the personnel training programs is in two parts, one authorizing appropriation of funds and the second authorizing the training program.

On Jan. 20, S. 130 was reported favorably by the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee. It came up on the Senate calendar on Feb. 8th. Sen. Taft asked that the bill be passed over. It was passed over again on Feb. 21, this time on the objection of Sen. Saltonstall (R. Mass.) who was objecting for Sen. Taft. Mr. Taft's position is based on his objection to Federal interference in matters which he feels are within the constitutional power of state and local governments. While he favors Federal aid for education, health and housing in poorer states, he does not believe that there are states which are unable financially to provide the amounts necessary for library service.

This does not mean that the bill in stalled in the Senate. It means that we need to recontact our Senators and make sure of their support.

PROPOSED BILL FOR INCREASED POSTAL RATES

Legislation designed to increase postal rates to provide an additional $250 million has been introduced in both the House and Senate (S. 1130 and H.R. 2945). Hearings are being held before Post Office and Civil Service Committees in both the House and Senate.

The proposed measure would increase rates for all classes of mail, with greatest increases in rates for newspapers, advertising matter, and parcel post.

The special rate for library books has been eliminated in the proposed legislation; all book shipments will be charged at the same rate. Libraries would also be affected by the increase in price of postal cards.

Here is a brief summary of the proposals which are of interest to libraries:

Postal cards: Increase from 1 cent to 2 cents, a 100% rise.

Books: The proposed rate for books is 9 cents for the first pound and 6 cents for each additional pound, except when the rate for fourth-class matter (except books and catalogs) is lower, in which case those rates would apply. These rates are 15 cents for the first pound and 1 cent for each additional pound.

The proposed book rates are roughly 12 per cent higher than the present rate for books shipped by others than libraries or library patrons. The increase over the special library rate, however, would be much greater.

The following table compares the present charge under the special library rate for sending books with the proposed rate for all book shipments, from one to five pounds:

Weight	Old Rates Library Books	Proposed Rate (All Books)	Increase	Percentage of Increase
1 pound	4 cents	9 cents	5 cents	125%
2 pounds	5 cents	15 cents	10 cents	200%
3 pounds	6 cents	17 cents	11 cents	185%
4 pounds	7 cents	18 cents	11 cents	157%
5 pounds	8 cents	19 cents	11 cents	137%

This table indicates costs within local zones only. Costs for the other postal zones would increase from 1 to 2 cents per pound for each additional zone, running up to 25 cents for the first pound for delivery in the eighth zone and 11½ cents for each additional pound.

MIDWEST INTER-LIBRARY CENTER

Approval by the Carnegie Corporation of a $500,000 grant for the establishment of a Midwest Inter-library Center in Chicago and plans for incorporation of a non-profit corporation to operate it have been announced by President Colwell of the University of Chicago.

Describing it as "a libraries' library" Mr. Colwell said it would be a cooperative enterprise to improve library resources of the Midwest. It will furnish housing and servicing for cooperative deposit and use of research materials by the participating libraries.

FIFTY NOTABLE BOOKS OF 1948

As Selected by the A.L.A. Division of Public Libraries

Bradley, No Place to hide

Camus, Plague

Chase, Proper study of mankind

Churchill, Gathering storm

Conant, Education in a divided world

Crankshaw, Russia and the Russians

Eisenhower, Crusade in Europe

Evatt, United Nations

Fairbank, United States and China

Faulkner, Intruder in the dust

Freeman, George Washington

Gandhi, Gandhi's Autobiography

Giedion, Mechanization takes command

Greene, Heart of the matter

Hamilton, Witness to the truth

Hull, Memoirs of Cordell Hull

Joy, Africa of Albert Schweitzer

Kinsey, Sexual behavior in the human male

Krutch, Henry David Thoreau

LaGuardia, Making of an insurgent

Laski, American democracy

Lecomte Du Nouy, Road to reason

Lockridge, Raintree county

Lomax, Folk song: U.S.A.

McWilliams, Mask for privilege

Mailer, Naked and the dead

Malone, Jefferson and his time

Mann, Dr. Faustus

Mearns, Lincoln papers

Merton, Seven storey mountain

Paton, Cry, the beloved country

Plievier, Stalingrad

Russell, Human knowledge

Sandburg, Remembrance rock

Shaw, Young lions

Sherwood, Roosevelt and Hopkins

Sitwell, Laughter in the next room

Spiller, Literary history of the U.S.

Stewart, Fire

Stilwell, Stilwell papers

Stimson, On active service in peace and war

Taylor, Taste of angels

Toynbee, Civilization on trial

Van Doren, Great rehearsal

Vogt, Road to survival

Ward, West at bay

Wecter, Age of the great depression, 1929-1941

Welles, We need not fail

White, Man called White

Wilder, Ides of March

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STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

Missoula, Montana

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Constitution

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II

OBJECT

The object of this Association shall be to promote library interests and development and raise standards of library service in Montana.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. There shall be five classes of members: Active, Associate, Life, Contributing or Sustaining, and Ex-officio.

Section 2. ACTIVE MEMBERS. Any person, institution or association actually or previously engaged in library work, or any graduate of an accredited library school may become an active member of this Association and shall be entitled to all its privileges upon payment of the dues as provided in the By-Laws.

Section 3. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS. Any person, institution or association interested in library work may become an associate member upon payment of the dues as provided in the By-Laws, and shall be entitled to all the privileges of this Association except the right to vote and to hold office.

Section 4. LIFE MEMBERS. Any person eligible for active membership may become a life member upon payment of fees as provided in the By-Laws.

Section 5. CONTRIBUTING OR SUSTAINING MEMBERS. Any person or institution eligible for membership may become a contributing or sustaining member.

Section 6. EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS. A library's membership in this Association shall entitle the members of its governing board to be ex-officio members.

Section 7. MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY. The executive board of this Association shall pass upon the eligibility of all applicants for membership, in accordance with the provisions of the preceding sections of this article.

Section 8. VOTING PRIVILEGES. Each active, life, contributing and sustaining member of the Association in good

standing shall be entitled to all voting privileges. The governing board of each library holding active membership in the Association may have, through a delegated representative, one vote on all questions which come before the Association.

ARTICLE IV

QUORUM

Ten members shall constitute a quorum of the Association for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be a president, a vice-president who shall be president-elect, a secretary, a treasurer, the board member of the Pacific Northwest Library Association and the council representative of the American Library Association. The officers, together with the past president, shall constitute the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

The officers shall be nominated by a nominating committee appointed by the president at the opening business session of the annual meeting. They shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting, a majority of the votes constituting an election.

ARTICLE VII

TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office shall cover the period from June 1 to May 31.

ARTICLE VIII

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

The Executive Board shall administer the business affairs of the Association in the intervals between the meetings. All bills must be endorsed and ordered paid by the president.

ARTICLE IX

MEETINGS

There shall be an annual meeting of the Association at such time as provided in the By-Laws. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board or by the president on request of six members of the Association. At least three weeks notice of such special meetings shall be given and only the business mentioned in the call shall be transacted.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of those present, pro-

vided that notice of the amendment in final form shall have been given to all members of the Association at least three weeks prior to the meeting at which the vote is to be taken; or by ballot sent by mail recording a two-thirds favorable vote from the membership voting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I
COMMITTEES

STANDING COMMITTEES. The president shall appoint all standing committees subject to the approval of the Executive Board. Each committee shall consist of at least three members. There shall be the following standing committees:

a. MEMBERSHIP. The treasurer shall be chairman of the membership committee and shall, together with his committee, endeavor to enlist a large and active membership in the Montana State Library Association.

b. PUBLICITY. The publicity committee shall see that the Association is represented in professional journals in the library field and in news publications throughout the state.

ARTICLE II
REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LIBRARY REPRESENTATION

Representation in the Pacific Northwest Library Association. A member of this Association, who is also a member of the PNLA, shall be elected as a non-officer Board member of the PNLA for a term of two years, unless such representative is also the Association's representative on the Council of the American Library Association, in which case his term shall be for a period of four years.

Representation in the American Library Association. A member of this Association, who is also a member of the ALA, shall be elected as ALA Council representative for a term of four years.

ARTICLE III
YEAR

The fiscal year of the Association shall coincide with the terms of office as stated in Article VII of the Constitution.

ARTICLE IV
DUES

Annual dues shall be due and payable before July 1. Active and associate membership fees, $1.00; Institutional membership, $2.00; Sustaining membership, $5.00; Life membership, $20.00.

ARTICLE V

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of this Association shall be held the first Monday and Tuesday in May, or, in emergencies, subject to the jurisdiction of the Executive Board. There shall be a registration fee of $1.00.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Any By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at any meeting of the Association.

M.S.L.A. Annual Convention Was Held at Billings, May 2-3

New officers:

President—Evelyn Swant, Missoula
Vice President—Ann Whitmack, Billings
Secretary—Mary Lee Hall, Hamilton
Treasurer—Mrs. Ruth Longworth, Cut Bank
A.L.A. Council—Margaret Fulmer, Great Falls
P.N.L.A. Representative—Mrs. Marjorie Moores, Havre
Historian—Natalie Sleipcevich, Anaconda

Standing Committees:

Publicity—Mrs. Georgia Dignan, Chairman
Mrs. Perl Coombs
Mrs. Alma Jacobs

Membership:—Ruth Longworth, Chairman
Mrs. Cornelia Sherman
Bettie Eagle

1950 meeting: Great Falls, May 1-2.

MONTANA LIBRARIANS

Have you renewed your M.S.L.A. membership?

Send $1.00 dues to Treasurer: Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth
Glacier County Library
Cut Bank, Mont.

Have you applied for Certification?

Application blanks may be obtained from:
Ellen Torgrimson, Secretary
State Library Extension Commission
Missoula, Mont.

Please send in your annual report to S.L.E.C. headquarters as soon as possible. Blanks are enclosed.

COUNTY LIBRARIES—OPENING HOURS

With the passage of a law, by the 1949 Legislative Assembly, providing for closing of county offices at noon on Saturdays, the question has arisen as to its application to county libraries. The subject came up for discussion at the 1949 meeting of M.S.L.A. in May.

It was pointed out that libraries are a public service, supported by taxation, and as such the hours of opening should be, and always have been, determined by the needs of the patrons. In fact, library hours have never conformed to county office hours, except in a few cases where the library is quartered in the court house. During the months of September through May, it is particularly important to keep the library open on Saturdays in order to give service to the rural schools.

Librarians are asked to keep in mind that, according to another law passed by the 1949 Legislature, county employees are allowed only 1¼ days' vacation for each month of employment. Librarians are not justified in taking advantage of the Saturday noon closing hour unless they are willing to conform to the vacation regulation also.

In view of the above factors, the S.L.E.C. office recommends that the following policies be followed:

(1) Adoption of standard 38-hour work week for librarians employed on a full-time basis.

(2) Four weeks' annual vacation with pay for full-time professional librarians.

(3) Two weeks' annual vacation with pay for clerical workers and part-time professional librarians.

(4) Maximum of 12 days' sick leave per year, accumulative up to 30 days.

(5) Saturday closing hour, 6:00 P.M.

NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS LIBRARY PLANNING COUNCIL

The organization of the Northern Great Plains Library Planning Council has progressed so far that it is now possible to report the membership of the council and the executive committee.

Because it was evident that the Council, in order to have all interests represented on it, had to be a fairly large organization, it was early decided to set up an Executive Committee which would spearhead any activities that the Council might approve. It was also agreed that the Chairmen of the two

bodies should be librarians, since the big job of the Council and its Executive Committee was connected with the development of libraries.

The Executive Committee consists of the following eight persons:

Chairman, James G. Hodgson, Director of Libraries, Colorado A. & M.

A. H. Anderson, U.S.D.A. Lincoln

Ralph T. Esterquest, Asst. Director of Libraries, U. of Denver

Margaret Fulmer, Librarian, Great Falls (ex-officio)

Carl F. Kraenzel, Montana State College, Bozeman

Mercedes B. MacKay, S. D. Free Library Commission, Pierre

Mrs. Lois B. Payson, University of Wyoming, Laramie

H. Dean Stallings, N. D. Agricultural College, Fargo

Chairmanship of the Council has been accepted by Margaret Fulmer. Acceptances of membership on the Council have been received from 29 librarians, rural sociologists, and representatives of various organizations interested in the welfare of the Northern Great Plains. Montana representatives, in addition to Miss Fulmer and Dr. Kraenzel, are Lesley M. Heathcote and Ellen Torgrimson.

Plans are under way to discuss the possibilities of regional plans at the Rural Libraries Workshop at Fort Collins on Sept. 6, 1949.

"The Council has been organized to help plan better library service for the Northern Great Plains region, particularly the rural areas which are now almost unserved. In addition, the influx of workers on construction projects along the rivers of the Missouri River Basin creates a need for local library services that can be met only on a regional basis," says Dr. Hodgson. "The Council hopes that it will be able to foster such inter-state activities."

BOOK DRIVE

William A. Easton, Regional Librarian, U.S.D.I. Bureau of Reclamation at Billings, has proposed a Book Drive to provide reading materials for use at the sites of dam construction projects in Montana and adjacent states.

There are five actual and potential Reclamation projects in Montana:

(1) Hungry Horse, near Kalispell, now in progress.

(2) Canyon Ferry, near Helena, now in progress.

(3) Tiber, southeast of Shelby on the Marias River. May develop later this year.

(4) Moorhead, on the Powder River below Broadus. May develop later this year.

(5) Yellowtail, on the Big Horn south of Hardin. May not develop this year.

Mr. Easton wants books and magazines of all kinds, with emphasis on the recreational types, which will appeal to readers in isolated camp communities where recreation facilities are almost non-existent. He proposes to make the library part of a camp recreation center with book shelves around the room, the pin ball machine in one corner, the pool and ping pong tables very much in evidence, and plenty of comfortable chairs and ash trays available.

If you wish to cooperate in this book drive, write to Mr. Easton for publicity material to display in your library. His address is:

William A. Easton, Regional Librarian
U. S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation, Region 6
Billings, Mont.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The A.L.A. Handbook, which is ready for distribution, does not contain the usual directory of A.L.A. membership. It is planned that in future years, and as frequently as sales justify, separate membership directories will be published.

Membership. Lesley M. Heathcote, membership chairman for Montana, has received word from A.L.A. headquarters that Montana has passed its quota for new members for 1949.

A.L.A. Regional Conference will be held August 22-25 on the campus of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver. Low cost housing in former army huts ($1.50 per day) and regular meals (approx. 65¢ each) will put the conference within reach of every pocketbook.

Legislation. Indications are that some concessions will be made for library books in the bill to raise postal rates; that hearings on the Library Demonstration Bill will be held before adjournment of Congress in August; that there will be no increase in the cost of L. C. cards.

Publications:

Teacher-Librarian's Handbook, 2d ed., by Mary Peacock Douglas; pub. by A.L.A. for release in the fall.

Library Key: an aid in using books and libraries, 7th ed., by Zaidee Brown; pub. by H. W. Wilson Company, June 13, 1949; 149 p. 70¢.

Northwest Books, 1st supplement, edited by Rufus A. Coleman; pub. by University of Nebraska Press, May 1949; 278 p. $4.00.

THE WRITERS CONFERENCE OF 1949

Sponsored jointly by Montana State University and the Montana Institute of the Arts, will bring distinguished writers from Montana and other states to the Missoula campus during the week of July 18-23. All persons interested in writing are invited to attend and participate in the "clinics" and other events. Fields to be covered will include non-fiction, poetry, research techniques, historical and regional writing, juvenile literature, playwriting, short story and novel.

The staff will include: Richard L. Neuberger of Portland; Mildred Walker of Great Falls; A. B. Guthrie, Jr., of Lexington, Ky.; Elizabeth Marion of Spangle, Wash.; Grace Barnett of Missoula; Olive Barnett of Great Falls; Norman A. Fox of Great Falls; Joseph Kinsey Howard of Great Falls. M.S.U. faculty who will participate include Edmund L. Freeman, John Moore, Bert Hansen, Robert P. Struckman, George W. Sherman, Mary B. Clapp, Robert P. Armstrong, and M. Catherine White.

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Missoula, Montana

M.S.L.A. DIRECTORY

RESIGNATIONS

Billings: Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Shidelar

Bozeman: Winona Adams (Mrs. Cameron MacDonald), Spokane
Pauline Cook

Butte: Mrs. Julia E. McMullen

Chester: Mrs. Adrian Buckland

Glasgow: Mrs. Georgia Dignan (Mrs. Rene Sala), Billings

Great Falls: Alice Strong

Hardin: Mrs. Bessie B. Russell

Helena: May Gillies

Lewistown: Mrs. Ernest C. Robinson

Missoula: Jean Brotsman, Denver
Arliss Heiss, Glenwood, Wis.
Charlotte Kelly (Mrs. Dan Hagen)
Mrs. Barbara V. Leinart, Fort Benton
Virginia Smith (Mrs. George Marco), Burbank, Cal.
Dorothea Wenrich (Mrs. William Baltesar) Butte

APPOINTMENTS

Big Timber: Mrs. Clara Traver, asst.

Bozeman: Mrs. Nedra Waite, asst. P.L.
June Kostyk, circ. ln. MSC
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Butte: Lou Eschle, ln. P.L.

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Mrs. Florence Gray Vinal, asst. order dept. MSU

Poplar: Margaret Jackson, H.S. ln.

Sidney: Helen Packer, H.S. ln.

Wibaux: Mrs. D. L. Collins, ln.

Wolf Point: Mrs. R. L. Ewing, ln.

Friends of MARGARET DUNSTAN MERCER will be sorry to learn that she is ill with polio in the Memorial Hospital at Missoula. Before her marriage she was on the Missoula Public Library staff.

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CHARLIE RUSSELL WEEK, October 31—November 6, has been proclaimed by Governor Bonner, according to word received by Evelyn Swant, M.S.L.A. president. The purpose of the observance is to raise the necessary funds to place a bust of Charlie Russell, the famous Montana artist, in the Hall of Fame in Washington, D. C. Montana librarians are asked to cooperate in publicizing the observance.

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STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Gov. Bonner has announced the following appointments to the State Historical Society Board:

Four-year terms, ending July 1, 1953:

Judge Lew L. Callaway, Helena
Lester Loble, Helena
M. G. Burlingame, Bozeman
Sam Gilluly, Glasgow
Joseph K. Howard, Great Falls

Three-year terms, ending July 1, 1952:

Norman Holter, Sr., Helena
Norman Winstine, Helena
Jean Bishop, Dillon
Lena Bisonette, Deer Lodge
Jessie Duthie, Forsyth

Two-year terms, ending July 1, 1951:

Josephine I. Hepner, Helena
Mrs. A. J. White, Helena
Ben Harwood, Billings
Charles A. Bovey, Great Falls
Albert Partoll, Missoula

NEW WESTERN ROOM AT LIBRARY IN GLASGOW

A warm and inviting view greets the visitor to the City-County Library in Glasgow now when he enters the new Western Room. On October 8th, the room was dedicated to the memory of Valley County men who lost their lives in service during World War II. A memorial plaque, on which their photographs have been mounted, is hung above the magazine rack, built of knotty pine.

Knotty pine panelling has been used also for the wall and gaslog fireplace in one corner of the room. Above the mantle hangs an original oil painting "Fly Time" by William Standing, a well-known Montana artist. It has been framed effectively in white calf-skin. Valley County cattle brands have been burned into a pine board which replaces the picture molding. The light fixtures are old wagon wheels with flourescent tubes attached to the spokes.

The Western draperies and furniture were made by Tom Molesworth of Cody, Wyoming. The reading table is completely covered with cowhide in white and maroon, except for the fir wood cross piece which has a large burl almost centered in it. Antique brass studs are used to finish the edges

of the table and the green leather-covered chairs arranged around it. Two large arms chairs and a davenport are upholstered in maroon leather and Chimayo-woven fabric and decorated with antique brass studs.

Completion of the Western Room marks the fulfillment of a dream for Georgia Dignan Sala, former Valley County librarian. It was made possible through the cooperation of the Library Board and the citizens of Valley County who generously supported a Library Tag Day, sponsored by the Glasgow Jayceens.

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THE CEILING REFLECTS NEW HOPE FOR THE HANDICAPPED

The Great Falls Lions Club is providing Projected Books for the sick and injured in Great Falls hospitals who are unable to read in the normal manner. The ceiling projector casts an enlarged image of microfilmed book pages on the ceiling directly above the head of a bedridden patient. Thus he enjoys the therapeutic benefits of reading which might otherwise be denied him. These projectors and books will be provided free to all persons on their doctor's prescription through the Great Falls Public Library.

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RALPH ESTERQUEST has been appointed director of the Midwest Inter-Library Center at the University of Chicago. The center is being financed by a $750,000 Carnegie Corporation grant and a $250,000 grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. Mr. Esterquest, formerly director of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center at Seattle, and more recently assistant director of the University of Denver Library, assumed his new position on October 1st.

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The GERSTENSLAGER COMPANY of Wooster, Ohio, sent a bookmobile demonstration unit through Montana in August en route to the A.L.A. Regional Conference at Vancouver. Stops were made in Billings and Missoula to display the unit. At Billings librarians and library board members were particularly interested because they hope to inaugurate bookmobile service next year. Summer session students at Montana State University and Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. Grawe from the Flathead County Library were among the visitors while the bookmobile was in Missoula.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK will be celebrated this year from November 13-19, with the slogan, "Make Friends with Books." Copies of the poster, designed by Elizabeth Tyler Wolcott, together with other Book Week materials, are available from the Children's Book Council, 62 West 45th St., New York 19.

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CARE BOOK PROGRAM: Books have now been added to the distribution services of CARE in advancing the cause of world reconstruction. Through this program the American public will be able to send professional and technical books to libraries in Europe, Japan and Korea.

Librarians are asked to assist in the program by distributing material and by the use of library exhibits. Kathleen Campbell represents Montana on the committee.

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MOVIE SHOWS HOW DOGS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO HUMAN WELFARE

A sound motion picture titled, "Partners," has been produced by the Jim Handy Organization for the Ralston-Purina Company. This film is being shown without cost to groups of people and clubs interested in the subject of dogs. It depicts, for instance, the role dogs have played in human happiness and welfare, working as shepherds, as "eyes" for the blind, as playmates for youngsters, aids to the hunter, and "watchmen" for the property of all. Running time of the film, nineteen minutes. For details as to free showing arrangement, write to Mr. G. M. Philpott, The Ralston-Purina Company, St. Louis, Mo.

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AMERICANA ENCYCLOPEDIA, 1946 ed. with 1946 and 1947 Annuals, is offered for sale by Mrs. Evanoff of Missoula at $65.00. If interested write to the S.L.E.C.

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THE USE OF TELEVISION BY THE PUBLIC LIBRARY is the title of a pamphlet published jointly by the Library Public Relations Council and the American Library Association. It is a transcript of the proceedings of a stimulating meeting held in Town Hall, New York, and is one of the first discussions on the subject. Copies may be obtained at $1.00 apiece, including postage, from the American Library Association, Publishing Department, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

PUBLIC LIBRARY INQUIRY

Ann Whitmack, Billings, attended the 14th annual institute of the University of Chicago Graduate Library School, which was devoted to a study of the Public Library Inquiry. L. I. Poste, University of Kentucky, has written a summary of the discussion, which appears in the September 1st issue of LIBRARY JOURNAL.

A full report of the Inquiry in seven volumes is being published by the Columbia University Press. The complete set will be available through the S.L.E.C. to librarians and others who may be interested. Volumes already published are:

Berelson, The Library's Public

Miller, The Book Industry

Waldron, The Information File

McCamy, The Public Librarian

Scheduled for later publication are:

Garceau, The Public Library in the Political Process

Leigh, The Public Library in the United States

Bryan, The Public Librarian.

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P.N.L.A.

NEW OFFICERS: President—Anne Smith, British Columbia

1st Vice President and President-elect—Carma Zimmerman, Washington

2nd Vice President—Mildred Cline, Portland

Treasurer—Mary Lee Hall, Montana

Past President—Mary Blossom, Oregon

YOUNG READER'S CHOICE AWARD for 1949 was given to Doris S. Garst for her book, COWBOY BOOTS. Other titles considered (in order of popularity) were:

Big Red, by James A. Kjelgaard

Mountain pony, by Henry V. Larom

Justin Morgan had a horse, by Marguerite Henry

Going on sixteen, by Betty Cavanna

Betsy in spite of herself, by Maud H. Lovelace

A.L.A.

Discussion of the Public Library Inquiry was a feature of all the A.L.A. Regional Conferences, with Robert D. Leigh, director of the study, in attendance at each. Montana was represented at the Far West conference in Vancouver, B. C., by Mary Lee Hall, Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Merwin Moores, Havre; Lesley Heathcote and Norma Thompson, Bozeman; Lucile Speer, Kathleen Campbell, Kathryn Geiger and Ellen Torgrimson, Missoula. Montanans attending the Trans-Mississippi conference in Fort Collins, Colo., were Margaret Fulmer, Great Falls; Ann Whitmack and Jean Todd, Billings. Margaret Fulmer, representing the A.L.A. Library Extension Division, participated in a panel discussion of the Public Library Inquiry at the Fort Collins meeting.

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New A.L.A. officers, who will take office at the close of the A.L.A. Regional Conference at Fort Worth, November 23, 1949, are:

President: Milton E. Lord, Boston, Mass.

Vice president and president-elect: Clarence R. Graham, Louisville, Ky.

2d Vice president: John B. Kaiser, Newark, N. J.

Treasurer: R. Russell Munn, Akron, Ohio.

Executive Board: Sarah Lewis Jones, Atlanta, Ga.
Francis R. St. John, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Council: Charles M. Mohrhardt, Detroit, Mich.
Lawrence C. Powell, Los Angeles, Calif.
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Ruth Hale Gershevsky, Seattle, Wash.
Mary E. Silverthorn, Toronto, Canada
Stephen A. McCarthy, Ithaca, N.Y.
Jean C. Roos, Cleveland, Ohio

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LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION BILL. Irving Lieberman, member of the A.L.A. Library Extension Board, reports that additional sponsors for the bill are being sought, preferably among members of the Committee on Education and Labor to which the bill has been assigned in the House. Chairman John Lesinski of Michigan granted an interview on August 25th in which the following points were covered: 1. He is interested

in library service and will support our bill. 2. He cannot assign the bill to a subcommittee, because all subcommittee have been disbanded and new ones will not be appointed until January. 3. The House is confronted with so much legislation that this committee has been asked to schedule no additional hearings for pending bills until January 1. 4. He promised a hearing for the bill when the House reconvenes in January 1950.

Mr. Lieberman suggests that librarians try to secure lay support (individuals and groups) to see Congressmen personally while they are at home during the next few weeks and to request a hearing on our bill at an early date in January. After January 1 these contacts could be followed up by letters to the Congressmen's Washington offices. Congressmen have argued that only librarians are seeking this legislation. Let us show them that the people back home realize how much the demonstration bill will benefit the local information, education and recreation program.

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M.S.L.A. MEMBERSHIP LIST FOR 1949-1950

January 15, 1950

Adams, Mrs. Marian E. .....Red Lodge
Barner, Mrs. Mary .....Plentywood
Bridger Community Library .....Bridger
Bridges, Zada .....Havre
Campbell, Kathleen .....Missoula
Carlson, Clara A. .....Bozeman
Catlin, Florence E. .....Anaconda
Christiansen, Mrs. Hazel .....Hardin
Coombs, Mrs. Leon .....Glendive
Cooper, Mrs. Gertrude .....Roundup
Crawford, Margie Ann .....Great Falls
Dufraine, Mrs. Duane L. .....Great Falls
Eagle, Bettie .....Bozeman
Easton, W. A. .....Billings
Engelter, Mrs. Mable .....Whitefish
Erb, Mrs. Carrie .....Laurel
Ewing, Mrs. R. L. .....Wolf Point
Fulmer, Margaret .....Great Falls
Garber, Mrs. Elizabeth .....Evanston, Ill.
Geiger, Kathryn .....Missoula
George, Mrs. Gladys .....Missoula
Gillies, May .....Denver, Colo.
Griffith, Winifred F. .....Billings
Griffith, Irene .....Anchorage, Alaska
Hall, Mary Lee .....Hamilton
Harris, Mrs. Dora Lee....White Sulphur Springs
Haskins, Inez .....Butte
Heathcote, Lesley .....Bozeman
Hileman, Margaret .....Missoula
Hodgins, Mrs. Grace A. .....Superior
Houfek, Mrs. Libby V. .....Fairfield
Jacobs, Mrs. Alma Smith .....Great Falls
Johnson, Viola .....Kalispell
Kilroy, Loretta .....Great Falls
Kittleson, Mrs. Sarah .....Sidney
Leiser, Esther .....Missoula
Lewis, Jeane .....Kalispell
Longworth, Mrs. Ruth O. .....Cut Bank
Lucy, Virginia .....Missoula
Lundborg, Elsie .....Forest Grove, Ore.
McDonald, Marguerita .....Bozeman
McDonnell, Mrs. Anne .....Helena
McEwen, Mrs. Mary L. .....Livingston
McGuire, Walter .....Dillon

McNally, Miriam ..... Denver, Colo.
Margarita, Sister ..... Great Falls
Mart, Mrs. Doris ..... Jordan
Miller, Mrs. Mabel T. ..... Helena
Moores, Mrs. Marjorie J. ..... Havre
Moores, Merwin W. ..... Havre
O'Brien, Mrs. C. E. ..... Chinook
Oliver, Mrs. Vivian ..... Cut Bank
Patterson, Mrs. Amy A. ..... Great Falls
Phipps, Mrs. Elmer ..... Lewistown
Pittman, Mrs. K. Elizabeth ..... Lewistown
Propes, Mrs. Aileen ..... Missoula
Ratekin, Inez ..... Libby
Reynolds, Marjorie ..... Billings
Rich, Pauline ..... Billings
Roark, Mrs. Clive ..... Libby
Robinson, Mrs. Ruth V. ..... Lewistown
Salinas, Mrs. Vera M. ..... Billings
Sandsmark, L. ..... Ronan
Sestak, Bessie ..... Great Falls
Shaffer, Ethel ..... Bozeman
Sheets, Nellie E. ..... Missoula
Sherman, Mrs. Cornelia ..... Kalispell
Shideler, Mrs. David ..... Billings
Sliepcevich, Natalie ..... Anaconda
Smith, Mrs. Clare ..... Miles City
Speer, Lucile ..... Missoula
Swant, Evelyn L. ..... Missoula
Thomas, Mrs. Florence ..... Virginia City
Thompson, Norma ..... Bozeman
Tice, Myra ..... Bozeman
Todd, Jean ..... Billings
Torgrimson, Ellen ..... Missoula
Walters, Mrs. Wilhelmina ..... Missoula
Walton, Virginia ..... Columbus
Ward, Mrs. Eunice O. ..... Malta
White, M. Catherine ..... Missoula
Whitmack, Ann L. ..... Billings
Whittier, Mrs. W. H. ..... Billings
Wilson, Doris Ellen ..... Bozeman
Wineman, Mrs. Elva ..... Stanford
Young, Thelma F. ..... Havre

FILM REISSUE

A film that inspires young people to read more and better books has been reprinted. IT'S ALL YOURS was produced by Pocket Books, Inc., for the Teen Age Book Club. In this film

the star, Ralph Bellamy, revisits all the old familiar spots in his home town—the lawns where he played ball, the stream where he fished, the stores, and finally the library. There he realizes the powerful force of words and books and libraries.

(16mm sound, black and white, 1 reel, 10 min. $25.00. Teen Age Book Club, 7 East 12th Street, New York 3, N.Y.)

TRUSTEES

The Jury on Citation of Trustees wishes to receive nominations of outstanding trustees for the 1950 citation for distinguished service awarded by the A.L.A. Nominations with supporting evidence should be mailed to: Jury on Citation of Trustees, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois, not later than March 15, 1950.

For further particulars, write to the State Library Extension Commission at Missoula.

M.S.L.A. DIRECTORY

Chester—Lily Eveland has replaced Mrs. Helen Buckland as Liberty County librarian.

Glasgow—Ellen LaSalle became Mrs. Norman Svendsen on Dec. 30th. She has submitted her resignation, effective March 31, 1950.

PUBLIC LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION BILL

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: Successful progress can be reported on the Public Library Demonstration Bill (H.R. 874—Madden, Ind.; H.R. 1411—Patman, Tex.; H.R. 6059—Kelley, Pa.) in the House. The House Committee on Education and Labor has agreed to take up the bill in executive session the week of Jan. 23rd with every prospect for a favorable report. The library bill will thus be one of the six bills considered by the committee ahead of the controversial Federal Aid to Education Bill. There will not need to be a new hearing.

SENATE: The Senate version of the library bill (S. 130—Hill, Ala.; Aiken, Vt.; Douglas, Ill.) which has already been approved by the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee (Jan. 1949) is being pushed for early debate and vote. Efforts to pass the bill by unanimous consent have been abandoned because of Senator Taft's continued opposition.

NEXT STEPS: Now is the time to alert citizen and library support for the bill. Our sponsors, Congressmen Patman, Madden and Kelley and Senators Aiken, Douglas and Hill should be reminded of our continued interest and hope for early action. Montana congressmen should be reminded that when the bill is voted upon their support is desired.

STATISTICS COVERING THE YEAR JULY 1, 1948-JUNE 30, 1949
FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN MONTANA

Libraries failing to send reports have been omitted.
Blank spaces indicate incomplete information.

Library	Population Served	Year Established	Total Income	Per Capita Appropriation	Total Volumes	Circulation	Librarian
ANACONDA—							
Hearst Free	11,004	1895	$11,600.00	1.05	18,159	33,421	Florence E. Catlin
BIG TIMBER—							
Carnegie	1,533		2,209.77	1.43	8,714	11,514	Mrs. Sarah Fallang
BILLINGS—							
Parmly Bililngs	23,261	1901	45,230.14	1.94	44,201	133,416	Ann L. Whitmack
BOZEMAN—							
Public	8,665	1904	10,921.72	1.26	19,254	28,821	Myra Tice
BRIDGER—							
Community	783		322.70	.41	2,784	1,878	Mrs. H. H. Harrison
BUTTE—							
Public	37,081	1890	34,681.50	.93	74,071	116,979	Lula M. Eschle
CHESTER—							
Liberty County	2,209	1947	1,200.00	.54	2,642		Lily Eveland
CHINOOK—							Mrs. C. E. O'Brien
Blaine County	9,566	1921	3,604.00	.38	13,240	21,067	Mrs. C. E. O'Brien
CHOTEAU—							
Public	1,181	1916	480.00	.40	4,936	2,436	Mrs. Clara M. Roberts

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COLUMBUS—							
Stillwater County	5,694	1928	5,596.47	.98	9,250	26,130	Virginia Walton
CUTBANK—							
Glacier County	9,034	1944	11,400.00	1.26	9,177	46,065	Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth
DEER LODGE—							
Wm. K. Kohrs Mem.	3,278	1903	2,794.00	.85	13,327	12,352	Mrs. Marion MacCalman
FORSYTH—							
Rosebud County	6,477	1920	3,389.61	.53	9,663	8,318	Mrs. Cecille Winzeler
FORT BENTON—							
Chouteau County	7,316	1916	8,908.85	1.22	20,414	16,847	Mildred England
GLASGOW—							
Carnegie City-Co.	15,181	1945	7,800.00	.51	16,526	15,181	Ellen La Salle
GLENDIVE—							
Public	4,524	1915	3,333.00	.74	8,001	15,008	Mrs. Leon Coombs
GREAT FALLS—							
Public	29,928	1892	53,860.46	1.79	56,290	247,531	Margaret Fulmer
Cascade County	12,071	1943	14,205.25	1.18	18,407	90,534	Mrs. Amy A. Patterson
HARDIN—							
Big Horn County	10,419	1918	6,776.38	.65	17,238	46,032	Mrs. Hazel Christiansen
HARLEM—							
Public	1,166		1,134.56	.97	6,083	5,997	Mrs. J. W. Quinn
HARLOWTON—							
Public	1,547	1921	960.00	.62	5,893	9,465	Georgia R. James

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HAVRE—							
Public	6,427	1910	5,519.00	.86	13,531	15,479	Zada Bridges
Hill County	6,877	1948	4,850.00	.70	3,009	14,312	Mrs. Marjorie J. Moores
HELENA—							
Public	15,056	1886	12,701.67	.84	71,525	56,367	Mrs. Mabel T. Miller
JORDAN—							
Garfield County	2,641	1948	1,513.61	.57	1,222	3,033	Mrs. Doris M. Mart
KALISPELL—							
Carnegie Public	8,245	1903	11,570.00	1.40	19,420	56,229	Jeane Lewis
Flathead County	13,424	1942	8,100.00	.60	13,000	65,256	Mrs. Cornelia Sherman
LAUREL—							
Public	2,754	1917	1,435.06	.52	6,637	9,411	Mrs. Carrie E. Erb
LEWISTOWN—							
Carnegie Public	5,874	1901	7,800.00	1.33	10,905	37,811	Mrs. K. Elizabeth Pittman
LIVINGSTON—							
Public	6,642		8,770.70	1.32	16,062	78,375	Mrs. Mary L. McEwen
MALTA—							
Phillips County	7,892	1916	2,600.00	.33	12,698	13,639	Mrs. Eunice Ward
MILES CITY—							
Carnegie Public	7,313	1902	10,000.00	1.37	14,816	24,461	Mrs. Clare Smith
MISSOULA—							
Public and County	29,038	1894	28,149.75	.97	63,355	113,110	Evelyn L. Swant

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PLAINS—							
Public	624	1918	543.00	.87	3,150	4,124	Mrs. F. S. Burdick
PLENTYWOOD—							
Sheridan County	7,814	1919	3,350.00	.43	7,262	15,843	Mrs. Mary Barner
RED LODGE—							
Public	2,950		2,100.00	.71	7,677	18,384	Mrs. Marian E. Adams
ROUNDUP—							
Public	2,644	1931	982.20	.37	4,770	9,712	Mrs. Gertrude Cooper
SCOBEY—							
Daniels County	4,563	1947	960.00	.21	1,306	3,200	Mrs. Marie Brudie
SHELBY—							
Toole County	6,769	1947	6,000.00	.88	9,012	31,200	Mrs. W. M. Black
SIDNEY—							
Public	2,978	1919	3,374.56	1.13	6,599	15,511	Mrs. Sarah Kittleson
STANFORD—							
Judith Basin Co.	3,655	1945	3,940.00	1.08	5,459	10,599	Mrs. Elva R. Wineman
SUPERIOR—							
Mineral County	2,135	1936	1,401.14	.66	4,415	6,713	Mrs. Grace A. Hodgins
TERRY—							
Public	2,410	1944	1,600.00	.66	3,735	5,278	Mrs. Wm. L. Ganson
THOMPSON FALLS—							
Public	736		462.54	.63		3,481	Mrs. Vera Kemmerer

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VIRGINIA CITY—							
Thompson-Hickman Co.	7,294	1923	1,435.75	.20	6,638	6,418	Mrs. Florence Thomas
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS—							
Meagher County	2,237	1938	900.00	.41	5,999	3,138	Mrs. Dora Lee Harris
WHITEFISH—							
Public	2,602	1925	1,820.00	.70		17,647	Mrs. Mable Engelter
WISDOM—							
Public	270	1934	79.00	.29	3,409	750	Mrs. George Cottrell
WOLFPOINT—							
Public	1,960		1,398.35	.71	5,888	8,308	Mrs. Emma Maloy

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NEW WAYS TO BETTER SERVICE

will highlight the 37th annual meeting of the Montana State Library Association at Great Falls, May 1 and 2.

Dinner speaker — George O. Pratt, Assistant to the Director Region 6, Reclamation Bureau, Billings. Dinner $2.50

Special Guests — Mercedes B. McKay, South Dakota Free Library Commission

Mrs. Hazel Webster Byrnes, North Dakota State Library Commission

A. H. Anderson, Social Analyst, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture

Mrs. Lois B. Payson, University of Wyoming Library

Carl F. Kraenzel, Montana State College

Meet the authors — Great Falls professional writers of fiction, non-fiction, short stories, and children's books, at lunch with the Kiwanis Club. Luncheon $1.10.

Workshops — on cataloging and public relations for the small public library.

Exhibits — from the American Library Association, Hertzberg Craftsmen, Puget Sound News Company and Doubleday & Company.

Reports — all the usual ones, plus news about the proposed statewide library survey.

Hotels — Rainbow, where you may register Sunday, April 30; single room without bath, $2.50, with bath, $3.00; double room without bath, $3.00; with bath, $4.00.

Johnson, single room, $2.00; with lavatory, $2.50; with bath, $3.00; $1.00 more per room for two occupants.

Make reservations directly with the hotels.

AROUND THE STATE

Since March 1st, the Hill County Rural Free Library has sponsored a ten-minute radio program over Station KAVR. The program is arranged and presented by Mrs. Jack Sturm and is offered every other Wednesday at 2:50 P.M.

An active Friends of the Library group, which was started in 1948 and now has over three hundred members, is doing effective work in promoting rural library service in Hill County. On March 6, the group sponsored an anniversary tea, an annual affair commemorating the opening of the Hill County Rural Free Library in 1947 .

The Wm. K. Kohrs Memorial Library at Deer Lodge has received a $3,000 bequest from the estate of Mrs. Augusta Kohrs of Helena. Tentative plans are to use the money for making long delayed repairs to the building and adding necessary equipment.

The Parmly Billings Memorial Library has obtained a ceiling book projector for the use of bedridden patients.

"Family and Social Welfare" has been the subject of several talks given by Ann Whitmack, Billings librarian, during the winter.

Miss Myra Tice has resigned as librarian of the Bozeman Free Library and has accepted a position in the public library at Bremerton, Washington.

Mrs. Florence Kearns has been appointed librarian of the Carnegie City-County Library in Glasgow. She replaces Mrs. Norman Svendsen, whose resignation became effective March 31. Mrs. Kearns held the position of cataloger in the Great Falls Public Library from October 1945 to May 1946. More recently she has lived in South Dakota where she has had further experience in cataloging and in promoting county library service.

Mrs. Lois B. Payson, formerly librarian at Montana State College in Bozeman, joined the University of Wyoming staff on November 1, as assistant to Director Rush.

The formal opening of the new library at Montana State College will be held on May 10th. The featured speaker will be Lawrence Clark Powell, Librarian, University of California at Los Angeles.

CERTIFIED LIBRARIANS IN MONTANA

Supplementary list, Jan. 1, 1949-April 1, 1950:

Catlin, Florence E. ..... Deer Lodge
Christiansen, Mrs. Hazel R. ..... Hardin
Crawford, Margie Ann ..... Great Falls
England, Mildred ..... Fort Benton
Ewing, Mrs. Helen L. ..... Wolf Point
Finnegan, Marjorie J. ..... Butte
Gillies, May ..... Denver, Colo.
Haskins, Inez ..... Butte
Hileman, Margaret ..... Missoula
Innes, Mary L. ..... Dillon
Kittleson, Mrs. Sarah T. ..... Sidney
Pittman, Mrs. K. Elizabeth ..... Lewistown
Reynolds, Marjorie H. ..... Billings
Sala, Mrs. Georgia ..... Billings
Sestak, Bessie ..... Great Falls
Shaffer, Ethel V. ..... Bozeman
Sheets, Nellie A. ..... Missoula
Shepherd, Ella ..... Helena
Speer, Lucile ..... Missoula
Svendsen, Mrs. Ellen ..... Glasgow
Walter, Mrs. Wilhelmina ..... Missoula

Remember the Annual Conference of the Montana State Library Association to be Held in Great Falls, May 1-2. Plan to Attend.

NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

National Mental Health Week will be observed April 23-29. Libraries are asked to cooperate in observing this week by means of posters and exhibits of books pertaining to mental health.

H.R. 874 LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION BILL DEFEATED

After five hours' debate in the House of Representatives, the Library Demonstration Bill, H.R. 874, was defeated by three votes on March 9th. The final vote was 164 against and 161 in favor.

Unfortunately the bill became a party matter, with stress on the need for economy and a balanced budget. It was argued also that the primary responsibility for library support should be at the state level. Incidental arguments against the bill included the charge that too much power would be assigned to the Federal Security Administrator, Oscar Ewing, and that only professional librarians were interested in passage of the bill. Supporters argued valiantly for it and succeeded in winning two preliminary votes on parliamentary questions by votes of 209 to 140, and 178 to 162.

Voting against the bill were 51 Democrats and 113 Republicans. Voting for it were 113 Democrats and 15 Republicans. In addition to the recorded vote were 42 pairs of votes listed, and 22 others were not present and not voting.

Vote of Montana's Representatives: Mansfield—Voting for.
D'Ewart—Paired against.

FUTURE PLANS FOR THE LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION BILL

A meeting of the A.L.A. Federal Relations Committee is being called for the week of April 16th in Washington, D.C., to discuss the future federal relations program and to analyze the prospects of the Library Demonstration Bill. Although the Senate Bill (S. 130) is still awaiting a vote, it is doubtful whether action will be taken on it in view of the unlikelihood of further House action during this Congress.

A.L.A. WASHINGTON OFFICE DIRECTOR

Mrs. Margie Sornson Malmberg, Big Island, Va., was named full-time director of the A.L.A. Washington Office on February 1, for a period of six months. Mrs. Malmberg served A.L.A. as legislative consultant during January. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and the University of Minnesota Library School, and has served as librarian of the public libraries of Viroqua, Chippewa Falls and Appleton, Wis. During the successful campaign in 1949 for the enactment of a state library demonstration bill in Wisconsin, Mrs. Malmberg was executive secretary and legislative representative of the Wisconsin Library Association.

Mrs. Aubry Lee Graham, part-time A.L.A. Washington representative since Oct. 1, 1949, will continue to serve as consultant.

1950 A.L.A. CONFERENCE

The Public Auditorium in Cleveland will serve as general headquarters for the A.L.A. Conference, July 16-22, 1950.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE

The Library of Congress will celebrate its 150th anniversary this year. Originally plans were to hold the 1950 A.L.A. Conference in Washington, D.C., in observance of this anniversary, but the place for the A.L.A. meeting had to be changed to Cleveland. Plans are being made, however, to honor the Library of Congress at the second general session on July 18.

NEWBERY-CALDECOTT AWARD WINNERS

Marguerite de Angeli will receive the 1949 John Newbery Medal as the author of the most distinguished children's book published in the U.S. during the year. Her winning book, DOOR IN THE WALL (Doubleday, $2.50), has 13th century England as its background.

As the winner of the 1949 Caldecott Medal, Leo Politi will be honored as the artist of the most distinguished picture book for children published in the U.S. during the year. SONG OF THE SWALLOWS (Scribner's, $2.00), the winning book, tells the story of the annual arrival of the swallows on March 19th—St. Joseph's Day—at the Mission of San Juan Capistrano.

The awards will be presented to Mrs. de Angeli and Mr. Politi at a dinner given in their honor during the A.L.A. Conference in Cleveland. Donor of the medal is Frederic G. Melcher, who established the John Newbery Medal in 1921 and the Caldecott Medal in 1937. Winners are selected by the Newbery-Caldecott Awards Committee of the Children's Library Association. Ruth E. Hewitt, superintendent of the Children's Department, Seattle Public Library, was chairman of the committee which made the 1949 selections.

UNITED NATIONS DOCUMENTARY RECORD ALBUM

An album of phonograph records entitled "This Is the U. N.," telling in dramatic, documentary style the living story of the United Nations, is being produced at Lake Success and will be ready for sale to schools, libraries, and community organizations during the summer of 1950. The origin, scope, aims and achievements of the United Nations will be described, and the material used will be undated and have permanent value. It is hoped that many schools and community organizations in the U. S. and Canada will have a copy of the album by next October 24, United Nations Day.

Addess inquiries to:

Education Section, Dept. of Public Information
United Nations
Lake Success, New York

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

Second Biennial Report, July 1, 1947-June 30, 1949

June 30, 1949 marked the close of the second biennium of the State Library Extension Commission's operation.

Membership of Commission

Kathleen Campbell, Montana State University, Chairman
Margaret Fulmer, Great Falls, Vice Chairman, 1946-1949.
Mrs. W. T. Perham, Glendive, 1945-1948 (declined reappointment)
Mrs. R. C. Dillavou, Billings, 1945-1950
Mrs. D. C. Warren, Glendive, 1948-1951 (replaced Mrs. Perham)
Elizabeth Ireland, State Supt. of Public Instruction, 1945-1949
Mary M. Condon, State Supt. of Public Instruction, 1949-

Staff

Secretary: Ellen Torgrimson
Assistants: Mrs. F. A. Jahnke, July 1947-August 1948
Mrs. Robert Leinart, Sept. 1948-April 1949
Mary Helen Holmes, June 1949-August 1949
Part-time Clerical workers: Mrs. Bruce Brown, Mrs. Clayton Herron, Mrs. Kenneth Bergum, Bonnie Hamman.

Meetings

During the 1947-1949 biennium, five meetings of the Commission were held, one in Missoula (September 1947), three in Billings (February and October 1948 and May 1949), and one in Libby (May 1948). Commission members attended the annual meetings of the State Library Association in Libby in May 1948 and in Billings in May 1949.

The Commission adopted by-laws, prepared the biennial budget for presentation to the Legislature, endorsed federal and state legislation pertaining to libraries, endorsed the promotion of regional libraries as a means of strengthening and expanding library service throughout the state, and established policies for development of the S.L.E.C.

Statistical Report

Circulation	61,255	
Interlibrary loans	432	(record kept 1948-1949)
Book collection	11,500	vols.
Registered borrowers	550	(includes schools, libraries and individuals)

Financial Report

		Budget 1947-48	Budget 1948-49	Balance June 30, 1949
643-1	Salary of Secretary	$2,700.00	$2,900.00	.08
2	Salary of Assistants	1,810.00	1,870.00	.31
3	Purchase of books, etc.	5,300.00	5,350.00	.29
4	Supplies	1,140.00	1,140.00	2.08
5	Furniture and equipment	750.00	750.00	3.37
6	Travel	800.00	800.00	0.00
7	P.E.R.S.	216.08	55.90	9.72

Travel

Conferences attended:

July 1947 San Francisco, Library Extension Institute
American Library Association

Sept. 1947 Seattle, Pacific Northwest Library Association

Jan. 1948 Chicago, American Library Association

May 1948 Libby, Montana State Library Association

June 1948 New Brunswick, N.J., Library Legislation Institute

Atlantic City, N.J., American Library Association

Sept. 1948 Glacier Park, Pacific Northwest Library Association

Mar. 1949 Billings, Northern Great Plains Library Planning Conference

May 1949 Billings, Montana State Library Association

During the summer of 1947, the secretary visited State Library agencies in North Dakota, Minnesota, Michigan and Washington to observe methods and procedures in these well-established agencies.

One hundred and twenty-three work days were spent traveling within the state by the secretary during the biennium. Sixty-three public libraries, thirty-two high school libraries, eight college libraries and two special libraries were visited. Six high school libraries requested and received material help in reorganizing and improving their libraries.

Some help was given in filling positions in school and public libraries.

Publication of a quarterly, MONTANA LIBRARIES, was

started in October 1947. Three hundred and fifty copies of each issue are printed. The mailing list includes all libraries in the state, members of the Montana State Library Association, State Library agencies and Library Schools in the U. S. and Canada, the American Library Association, the Library of Congress, and other persons and organizations interested in receiving the publication.

Cost of four issues, Vol. I	$221.33
Vol. II	246.49

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STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

Missoula, Montana

M.S.L.A. DIRECTORY

Bozeman—Bozeman Public Library
Margaret Hileman, ln.

Bozeman—Montana State College Library
Iva Hardin, cat.
Vivian Canfield, asst. ln.

Culbertson—Culbertson Public Library
Mrs. E. Garbe, ln.

Glendive—Glendive Public Library
Mrs. Ella Schloss, asst. ln.

Great Falls—Cascade County Library
Mrs. Martha H. Hey, asst. ln.

Great Falls—East Air Base Library
Mrs. Oscar Camm, ln.

Great Falls—Great Falls Public Library
Mrs. Martha Peterson, circ. ln.

Lewistown—Carnegie Public Library
Mrs. Elmer Phipps, asst. ln.
Mrs. Dorothy Lay Robertson, asst. ln.

Plentywood—Sheridan County Free Library
Mrs. Ralph L. Lund, ln.

Missoula—State Library Extension Commission
Mrs. June Getchell, asst.
Mrs. Kay Reardon, asst.

AROUND THE STATE

Inez Ratekin, librarian of the Lincoln County Free Library at Libby, was elected first vice-president of the Montana Federation of Women's Clubs at the biennial state convention of the organization held in Livingston.

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Plans are being drawn up for Choteau's new city library which is to be erected on a lot donated to the city several years ago. The Choteau Women's Club sponsors the library. Mrs. Clara M. Roberts is librarian.

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A new branch of the Flathead County Free Library has been established at Hungry Horse to serve the Martin City and Hungry Horse communities. Other branches of the county library are located at Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Somers,

Coram, West Glacier and Lakeside. Mrs. Cornelia Sherman is county librarian.

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The Culbertson Public Library has been incorporated into the Roosevelt County Library system, and Mrs. E. Garbe has been appointed librarian. Kate F. Whitcomb, chairman of the library board reports that the library is growing both in number of books and in general use.

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Margie Ann Crawford was married on May 14th to Sgt. Oscar Camm, who is stationed at the East Air Base in Great Falls. Mrs. Camm will continue as librarian at the Base.

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Erection of a new Custer County court house building across the street inspired the Carnegie Public Library at Miles City to undertake a refurbishing project which included exterior painting and brick repairs.

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Montana librarians are happy to welcome Miss Marjorie Beal to the state. Miss Beal has retired as Secretary of the North Carolina Library Commission and will make her home in Havre with Miss Margaret Skinner, Professor of English at Northern Montana College.

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The Parmly Billings Memorial Library has placed an order with the Gerstenslager Company, Wooster, Ohio, for a bookmobile, according to Ann Whitmack, librarian. Delivery will be made this fall.

Because the library is located in the downtown area of Billings, on one of the busiest streets in the city with no convenient parking area, bookmobile service seemed the logical next step in development of library facilities for the growing population of Billings. Foremost purpose of the bookmobile will be to serve the children at the schools, with the possibility of additional stops for the convenience of adult borrowers.

This library on wheels will contain seven rows of shelving with a capacity for 1500 to 1800 volumes. The lower sections will be used for children's books. Magazine racks made of safety glass will be installed, and there will be a desk for use in charging out and checking in books. The inside height will be 6' 4" at its lowest point. It will be equipped with fluorescent lighting and a heating system.

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Official opening of the first wing of the new library building at Montana State College on May 10th was high-lighted by

an address by Lawrence Clark Powell, librarian of the University of California at Los Angeles. Lesley M. Heathcote, librarian of Montana State College, presided at the program.

Mary M. Condon, State Superintnedent of Public Instruction, accepted the building on behalf of the State and of the Greater University of Montana. President Renne of Montana State College accepted the building on behalf of the college. Musical selections were presented by the Montana State College Concert Chorus.

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Governor John W. Bonner has made the following appointments to the State Library Extension Commission:

Mrs. John B. Fraser, Billings, for a three-year term, replacing Mrs. R. C. Dillavou, whose second term expired in May.

Margaret Fulmer, Great Falls, was reappointed for a third term, which will expire in May 1952.

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Mrs. Mary Barner has resigned her position as librarian of the Sheridan County Free Library. Mrs. Ruth (Johnson) Lund, who has been appointed, will be remembered as a former Sheridan County librarian.

FELLOWSHIP TO MONTANAN

Award of a University of Minnesota fellowship in regional writing to Eric Thane, Helena, has been announced by President J. L. Morrill.

The work, in recognition of writing done in the past and to encourage further specialized writing about the Northwest, is a project of the University under grant from the Rockefeller Foundation, according to Dean T. C. Blegen of the Graduate School, head of the committee which selected Thane.

Eric Thane is the pen name of Ralph C. Henry, director of field services for the Montana Education Association. He is the author of two books, HIGH BORDER COUNTRY, a nonfiction volume published by Duell, Sloan and Pearce in 1942, and THE DOOM MAN, a mystery novel published in London.

A new book by Henry, THE MAJESTIC LAND, will be published during the fall by the Bobbs-Merrill Publishing Company. It is an interpretation of the northern Rocky Mountain region, including Montana, written for travelers from east of the Mississippi.

Magazines in which Henry's work has appeared include Redbook, Atlantic Monthly, American Mercury, Vogue, Travel, Holiday, and numerous others.

SATURDAY REVIEW ANISFIELD-WOLF AWARDS FOR 1949

Punishment without crime, by S. Andhil Fineberg (Doubleday).

Your most humble servant, by Shirley Graham (Messner).

The awards were established by Edith Anisfield Wolf in memory of her father, John Anisfield, and her late husband, Eugene E. Wolf. They provide $1,000 each for the two books adjudged to be the best in the field of race relations either in creative literature or the social sciences.

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A.L.A. NATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE

Social Security Bill. On June 20th the Senate passed H.R. 6000, which extends coverage to 10 million additional persons. Librarians not included under a state or municipal retirement system will be included if the state enters into an agreement with the Federal Government.

The bill now goes to conference to reconcile differences with the House bill, after which both houses must again approve before it is sent to the President for signature.

Care Book Bill. On June 8th the Senate passed S. 2496. The next hurdle is House action.

Postal Legislation. Hearings on H.R. 2945 and S. 1103 were continued June 27-28. Whether the committee will report out a bill before the end of the session is problematical.

Public Library Development Legislation. The Federal Relations Committee, under the chairmanship of Raymond Lindquist, met in Washington, D.C., April 16-18, to draft a federal relations program for consideration by ALA members and groups, and for review by the Council at the Cleveland conference in July. Eleven committee members, five ALA staff members, twenty library and government specialists, as well as representatives of non-library organizations, reviewed library interests at the federal level. Representatives of the Grange, PTA and similar organziations expressed a vital interest in the development of our future legislative program.

Public Library Development was recommended for top legislative priority even though reintroduction of the Library Demonstration Bill was not thought feasible. Tentative outlines were made of a bill designed: to strengthen state library extension agencies; to stimulate public library service and en-

courage public library demonstrations; to provide a preliminary survey of state library agencies; a definition of purpose designed to retain and enlarge the support given the Library Demonstration Bill; development of a formula for federal aid; provisions for the strengthening of the U. S. Office of Education to offer consultant, clearing house and fiscal services; limitations of the purposes for the expenditure of funds; amounts of funds; duration of bill; and protection from federal control. ALA groups, federal officials, members of Congress, and friends will be consulted before any bill is drafted and criticisms and suggestions will be welcomed.

M.S.L.A.

Sixty librarians, representing forty-three libraries, were in attendance at the 37th annual meeting of the Montana State Library Association held in Great Falls May 1-2.

Visitors included: H. Dean Stallings, North Dakota Agricultural College; Gordon L. Bennett, Colorado State Library; John T. Eastlick, Denver Public Library; Mrs. Hazel Webster Byrnes, North Dakota Library Commission; Mrs. A. E. McLeish, Fort Benton; Mrs. R. C. Dillavou, Billings; Mrs. D. C. Warren, Glendive; Miss Louise Fernald, Great Falls; Mrs. Morrell Thompson, Wolf Point; Miss Genevieve Squires, Montana State Department of Public Instruction.

Publishing firms represented by exhibitors were: Puget Sound News Company, Doubleday and Company, and Imperial Book Company.

George O. Pratt, director of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation at Billings, was the featured speaker at the dinner meeting on May 1.

The Association voted to cooperate with the State Library Extension Commission in a statewide survey of library resources and with the Pacific Northwest Library Association in a library survey of the region and a project to assemble biographical material on Northwest authors. A committee to revise the constitution and by-laws was appointed under the chairmanship of Lesley M. Heathcote.

Workshops in Cataloging and Public Relations were conducted by Mrs. Jacobs and Mrs. Dufraine of the Great Falls Public Library staff.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas,

1. The American Library Association needs a Washington contact to support Federal legislation of interest to libraries, such as, federal aid, postal laws and regulations, etc.;

2. The Association is of the opinion that the present Director is an experienced and capable person to whom we can give our support for the proposed two-year period;

3. In view of the fact that the Director cannot operate without the assistance of librarians in the field, members of the Montana State Library Association pledge their support in mobilizing public opinion in their communities; however, we are not convinced that public library demonstrations are the best way of stimulating public demand for library service, and the M.S.L.A. wishes to suggest that other avenues of approach to aid from both federal and state government be explored;

4. If at the end of a two-year period the Washington office, as at present constituted, proves to be impractical, M.S.L.A. suggests exploring the possibility of moving one of the division offices of A.L.A. to Washington to carry out the dual function of its own specialty and of contact with legislative matters;

Be it therefore resolved that M.S.L.A. hereby contribute $25.00 a year to the support of the Washington Office of A.L.A. for the two-year period."

Officers for 1950-1951 are: President, Ann L. Whitmack, Billings; Vice-President and President-elect, Mary Lee Hall, Hamilton; Secretary, Mrs. Clare Smith, Miles City; Treasurer, Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth, Cut Bank; A.L.A. Councilor, Margaret Fulmer, Great Falls; P.N.L.A. Representative, Mrs. Marjorie J. Moores, Havre; Historian, Natalie Sliepcevich, Anaconda.

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NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS

A meeting of the Northern Great Plains Library Planning Council was held in Great Falls on April 30. Council members present were: Margaret Fulmer, Chairman, H. Dean Stallings, Gordon L. Bennett, John T. Eastlick, Mrs. Hazel Webster Byrnes, Ellen Torgrimson, Lesley M. Heathcote, W. A. Easton, and Carl F. Kraenzel. Mr. Kraenzel reported on his efforts to interest foundations in the problems of the region. Representatives of the various states reported on plans for library development in their areas. The Council voted that a committee be appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws. It was reported that, as a result of a vote by mail, Kansas has been admitted into the Northern Great Plains Library Planning Council.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION will hold its annual conference in Portland, Oregon, August 29-31, September 1.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION annual conference will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, July 16-22.

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COLLIER'S ENCYCLOPEDIA. Frank W. Price, Editorial Director; Charles P. Barry, Editor-in-chief; Louis Shores, Library Consultant and Advisory Editor. 20 v. Illus., ports., plates. Morocco-grain Fabrikoid binding. Special pre-publication price to libraries $125. N.Y. P. F. Collier & Son Corp. Copyright, 1949-1950.

Through the courtesy of the publishers, a deposit set is being sent to the State Library Extension Commission. To date twelve volumes are off the press. We will be glad to send a volume for examination to any library on request.

In his review, published in the LIBRARY JOURNAL for May 15, 1950, William A. FitzGerald, Director, George Peabody Library School, states:

"It is a pleasure and a joy to welcome to the field of American bibliography the first completely new multi-volume American encyclopedia for adults. Without doubt, other adult encyclopedias will need to fight for their laurels because none, at present, excells the new **Collier's Encyclopedia** in combined points of recency, of readability, of illustration, of price. . . . Coverage of articles seems, in most cases, complete, up-to-the-minute, proportioned to subject significance with a balance in space allotment to those items of greater or lesser importance. . . . The selection of contributors and advisors reflects the aim for objectivity on the part of the publishers. Best of all, in this regard, there is an apparent collaboration between contributors, advisors and editors with the result that there exists a unity of presentation, a proper perspective in delineation of subject matter, and the desired lack of bias in so comprehensive a reference tool. . . . The format is in keeping with the best standards of American book production."

Mr. FitzGerald's evaluation was made on the first nine volumes of the set.

Montana librarians who may be planning to purchase new encyclopedias this year are urged to consider **Collier's Encyclopedia.**

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